

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
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SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

CONFESSIONS ON THE WEDNESDAYS OF LENT

Parish resources to promote a better understanding and preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation can be found on the website for the Office for Worship, as well as, the Office for the Formation of the Laity. Also, click the banner on the Archdiocesan home page, *God is Rich in Mercy*, for the same resources.

**CELEBRATION OF THE SCRUTINIES
AND PRESENTATIONS OF THE CREED
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rites Belonging to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, numbers 138-205, found in the ritual book, *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, are to be carefully observed for the Elect. Any questions regarding these rites may be directed to the Office for Worship.

VEILING OF STATUES

In the dioceses of the United States, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Statues in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The United States Bishops approved this recovered practice in 2001 and additional information can be found on the website for the Office for Worship.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

Tuesday, April 19

On this day it is fitting to remember with a petition in the Prayer of the Faithful the anniversary of the election of our Holy Father.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Additional Information for Liturgical Preparation

The *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts (Paschale Solemnitatis)*, by the Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, is posted on the website for the Office for Worship. This letter provides helpful pastoral, theological and liturgical (as well liturgical music) information for pastors and preparers of the Liturgy for Lent, the Triduum and Easter time.

Notes for the celebration of the Triduum according to the revised rubrics found in the 2002 edition of the *Missale Romanum* can be found on the website of the Office for Worship and

also the website of the Bishops' Committee for Divine Worship. These rubrics have the force of law for the universal Church since the promulgation of the typical edition of the 2002 *Missale Romanum* and will be incorporated into the new English translation of this same liturgical book.

The Reception of the Holy Oils Blessed at the Chrism Mass

The 2004 *Sacramentary Supplement* provides instructions and the form for the reception of the new oils at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. This same information can be found on the website for the Office for Worship. Also, Cardinal Rigali's 2010 instruction on the Holy Oils can be found on the website for the Office for Worship.

Celebrant of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday

The nature and context of this Good Friday Liturgy requires a priest celebrant and cannot be delegated to a deacon or a lay person.

Time of the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil should not begin before nightfall. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to the US Naval Observatory Astronomical Applications Department, occurs at 7:47 PM on April 23, 2011.

THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Conditional Baptism

The following norm is to be observed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with regard to the reception of candidates into the full communion of the Catholic Church:

Baptism is the doorway to all of the Sacraments. Therefore, the sacred minister needs moral certitude that a person was baptized with the Trinitarian formula and the triple water pouring/immersion before other Sacraments are celebrated. This moral certitude requires more than the evidence of a baptismal certificate and must be the case in each individual circumstance. Such moral certitude can often be readily obtained through inquiry with the candidate. When moral certitude is lacking, a conditional Baptism is necessary (see Canon 869 and National Statutes for the Catechumenate 37).

Confirmation for Roman Catholic Adults

The ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation for baptized Roman Catholics is the Bishop. Typically, this occurs during the pastoral visit of the Bishop to the parish.

Additionally, Cardinal Rigali will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011 during the 2:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The candidates for this sacramental celebration are baptized Roman Catholics who have been properly catechized for Confirmation (and if needed, for the reception of First Communion). Information about this celebration for pastors and those who assist with the formation and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation will be made available on the website for the Office for Worship and the Office for the Formation of the Laity.

Confirmation by Priests

A pastor who foresees the genuine pastoral need to confirm a baptized Roman Catholic can do so only with the specific delegation of the Bishop (see Canon 882 and National Statutes for the Catechumenate 28-29). The request for such delegation is to be made in writing, including the name of the priest and the individual(s) prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. While the request is to be addressed to the Archbishop, the letter is directed to Bishop McIntyre.

Commutation of the Periods and Steps of Christian Initiation

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* allows for a commutation and adaptation of the periods and steps for sacramental initiation which typically correspond to the observance of Lent and the celebration of the Easter Vigil. The Bishop can allow for such commutation and adaptation in exceptional circumstance. Cardinal Rigali grants such permission.

Numbers 34 and 331 in the ritual book, *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, describe arrangements for an adapted process for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

MASSES FOR THE NEOPHYTES AND ALSO A PENTECOST CELEBRATION During the Easter Season

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* provides helpful guidance for the pastoral care of the newly baptized adults at Easter:

247 Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community *its main setting is the so-called Masses for neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter season.* Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary, especially the readings for Year A. Even when Christian initiation has been celebrated outside the usual times, the texts for these Sunday Masses of the Easter season may be used.

248 All the neophytes and their godparents should make an effort to take part in the Masses for the neophytes and the entire local community should be invited to participate with them. *Special places in the congregation are to be reserved for the neophytes and their godparents. The homily and, as circumstances suggest, the general intercessions should take into account the presence and needs of the neophytes.*

249 To close the period of postbaptismal catechesis, *some sort of celebration should be held at the end of the Easter season near Pentecost Sunday;* festivities in keeping with local custom may accompany the occasion.

**ROMAN MISSAL FORMATION
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
PARISH BASED CATECHESIS
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

The Office for Worship has produced a parish based catechesis for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the reception of the *Roman Missal* for use beginning Advent 2010 through Advent 2011. This catechesis is called: *Know the Words, Know the Meaning, Know the Mystery*. It is designed for a great variety of uses in the parish and for a great variety of parish groups. It can be downloaded and inserted into parish bulletins, printed for discussion and reflection, and provide content for school and religious education classes.

The two-page catechetical segments are arranged according to the following topics and calendar. A more complete set of instructions for use and the catechetical segments is available on the website for the Office for Worship.

Know the Words, Know the Meaning, Know the Mystery

April

- Parts of the Mass for the Priest
- Parts of the Mass for the People
- Parts of the Mass for Priest and People together

Additional resources on the *Roman Missal* are also available on the website of the Office for Worship.

WORKSHOPS FOR SINGING THE *ROMAN MISSAL*

FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

1:30—3:00 PM

Bucks County	Friday, January 7, 2011 <i>Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Southampton</i>
Chester County	Tuesday, March 1, 2011 <i>Daylesford Abbey, Paoli</i>
Delaware County	Monday, March 14, 2011 <i>Saint Denis Parish, Havertown</i>
Montgomery County	Monday, April 4, 2011 <i>Saint Matthias Parish, Bala Cynwyd</i>
Philadelphia-North	Monday, May 9, 2011 <i>Our Lady of Hope Parish, Philadelphia</i>
Philadelphia-South	Monday, June 6, 2011 <i>Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia</i>

Priests and deacons are welcome to any of these workshops regardless of location. More details will be sent through the Regional Vicar and the Office for the Permanent Diaconate.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES FOR THE FAITHFUL
7:00—9:00 PM

Bucks County	Thursday, February 17, 2011 <i>Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Warminster</i>
Chester County	Thursday, April 7, 2011 <i>Saint Joseph Parish, Downingtown</i>
Delaware County	Thursday, May 5, 2011 <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Morton</i>
Montgomery County	Thursday, May 12, 2011 <i>St. John of the Cross Parish, Roslyn</i>
Philadelphia-North	Thursday, May 19, 2011
Philadelphia-South	<i>Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia</i>

Pastors are asked to promote these regional assemblies for the faithful, especially when they take place within their region.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions listed below. Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also welcome to these sessions.
- Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Worship if they conduct their own formation and to send to this office their request for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- Request forms can be found on the Office for Worship website. Letters of Appointment from the Archbishop will then follow.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are appointed for a three year term and for the place where they are commissioned. Terms may be renewed if agreeable to both the pastor/chaplain and the minister.
- *Pastors are reminded to conduct the commissioning of new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion according to the rite found in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 63.*

PLEASE REGISTER NOW!!!

WORKSHOPS

FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thursday, 14 April 2011, 7:00-9:00 PM

Saint Patrick Church, 126 Woodland Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355

Wednesday, 11 May 2011, 7:00-9:00 PM

Our Lady of Peace Parish, 208 Milmont Avenue, Milmont Park, PA 19033

Register for these workshops directly online at the Office for Worship website or call the Office for Worship. Important information for the pastor/chaplain can be found online on the registration forms.

