

# OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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### LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

#### THE TIME FOR VIGIL MASSES AND ANITICIPATED MASSES

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is no earlier than 4:00 PM. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

#### THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAYS WHEN THE OBLIGATION IS SUSPENDED

In the United States, there are three Holy Days, Solemnities, when the obligation to participate in Mass is suspended when the observance falls on a Monday or a Saturday—the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1), the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and the Solemnity of All Saints

(November 1). In these instances, the Mass schedule can certainly be modified. However, there should at least be the celebration of one Mass for the benefit of the faithful who desire to attend Mass.

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is observed as a holy day of obligation this year.

**A complete list of Holy Days of Obligation and their observances for 2018-2019 are:**

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Please note: The evening Mass is the Anticipated Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent.*

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

*Please note: In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Vigil Mass cannot be celebrated before 4:00 PM.*

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, August 15, 2019

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, November 1, 2019

Solemnity of All Saints

## **MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

A votive *Mass of the Holy Spirit* may be scheduled for the opening of the academic year on weekdays when there is no liturgical impediment. The *Roman Missal* provides three options for this Votive Mass. One of the prefaces of the Holy Spirit is used and red vestments are worn. The Lectionary texts for the day are preferable.

Also, see the options in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 5: Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers, for another way to liturgically celebrate the opening of the academic year.

## SAVE THE DATES

**Archdiocesan Rosary**  
**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103**  
**Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 5:50 PM**  
*6:30 PM Sunday Mass to follow*

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage**  
**to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Washington, DC**  
**Saturday, October 19, 2019**

*All Parishes, Schools and Institutions are encouraged to participate.  
Look for more information in future editions of the Monthly Mailing.*

*Father Michael S. Olivere, the Pastor of Saint Timothy Parish, Philadelphia, will assist parishes, schools and institutions with the promotion of the Pilgrimage and transportation to and from Washington, DC.  
Look for more information from Father Olivere this fall.*

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Office for Divine Worship has the responsibility for direction, guidance and support of pastors and those who collaborate with them in the formation of adults for Christian Initiation. Additional information on Christian Initiation for adults can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

- For the current Christian Initiation Information Periodic Mailing, see: <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/christian-initiation/>.
- The *Institute for Christian Initiation* will again take place next year. Please see the flyer attached to this edition of the Monthly Mailing.

## **CHRISTIAN INITIATION COORDINATORS FALL MEETING**

*Preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Seventh or Eighth Grades*

Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 10:00 AM – Noon  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium  
222 North Seventeenth Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

*Parking will be provided in the Archdiocesan lot.*

Please register by email at: [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).

### **PARISH BULLETIN INQUIRY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following is provided as a guide for parish bulletin announcements for the Inquiry Period of Christian Initiation. This announcement respects the various groupings of adults who are seeking information on the Sacraments of Christian Initiation:

#### **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

Saint N. Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian, would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic, would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

##### **WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

The calendar for 2018-2019 workshops for liturgical ministers, including the Institute for Christian Initiation, can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, October 11, 2018  
Holy Cross Church, Springfield, PA  
7:00 to 9:00 PM

Thursday, November 15, 2018  
Cathedral Chapel, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Thursday, March 21, 2019  
Cathedral Chapel, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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### Lector Workshop

Wednesday, October 24, 2018  
Cathedral Chapel, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

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## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the Sick

Saturday, February 23, 2019  
Cathedral Chapel, 10:00 AM to Noon

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, over the next several months, please contact the Office for Divine Worship.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
- Candidates are to be fully initiated practicing Catholics, high school graduates, validly married (if married), recognized for faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist as well as for service in the parish/institution.
- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions. Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also welcome to attend.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion typically serve for three years. Pastors/chaplains may renew terms, if agreeable and in consultation with the minister.

- Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Divine 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 Divine 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.
- All records of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are maintained by the parish/institution.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned after participation in a training session, according to the form found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 63, “Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.”**
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion only serve in the parishes/institutions for which they are commissioned.

#### PROTOCOL

#### ON THE OCCASION OF THE DESECRATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The norms for the proper celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the exposition and the reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament are to be carefully and consistently observed, with the vigilant oversight of the Pastor and/or chaplain, in all churches and oratories within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These norms are principally found in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, the ritual book, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass* and the *Code of Canon Law*.

When the desecration of the Most Blessed Sacrament occurs during the celebration of Mass, with the reception of Holy Communion, during simple or solemn exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and/or to the reserved Most Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, the following protocol is to be observed:

1. The Regional Bishop and/or the Dean should be informed immediately by the pastor or chaplain of the church or oratory. The Regional Bishop and/or Dean then informs the Archbishop immediately.

2. The Pastor or chaplain contacts the Office for Divine Worship for a suitable form of reparation for the desecration to be carried out by the pastor or chaplain.
3. A record is kept of the desecration and the reparation in the Chancery.

*Approved by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput on Monday, July 6, 2015*

## LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

### **MAKE SURE YOUR PARISH RECEIVES THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION**

Please notify the Office for Divine Worship if there are any changes to the Coordinators serving as liaisons between your parish and the Office for Divine Worship.

### **FOR THE MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE USCCB**

Individual issues of the Newsletter are posted online around the fifteenth of the month approximately three months after they have been released to subscribers.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>.

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