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LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

THE TIME FOR VIGIL MASSES AND ANTICIPATED 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 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Saturday, January 5, 2019

The commemoration of Saint John Neumann enjoys the rank of a *feast* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for both the celebration of Mass and the Divine Office. Therefore, both at Mass and for the Liturgy of the Hours those features proper to a *feast* are observed.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Friday, January 18, 2019 through Friday, January 25, 2019

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity should have, if possible, petitions in the Universal Prayer for this intention. Also, when possible during this week the Mass for the Unity of Christians may be used with the readings of the day and green vestments.

See the following site of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for additional resources: https://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/theme_announcement_2019.html

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

FOR THE DIOCESES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

Intentions for the Universal Prayer for Respect Life can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

Looking Ahead

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday, November 2, 2019

The Celebration of Marriage: Only the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass can take place on All Souls Day.

The evening Mass on Saturday, November 2, 2019, is for Sunday, the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

COLDS AND FLU

AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED LITURGY

- ❖ Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before Mass begins, or even use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution in the pew before distributing, and after purifying their fingers after distributing Holy Communion;
- ❖ People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice.

Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to allay the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include refraining from the use of the Sign of Peace during the celebration of Mass and reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood if they are ill.

SAVE THE DATE

**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.

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*.

**2019 RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS
AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Saturday, March 9, 2019	11:00 AM	Philadelphia South and Bucks Counties
Saturday, March 9, 2019	3:00 PM	Delaware and Chester Counties
Sunday, March 10, 2019	3:00 PM	Philadelphia North and Montgomery Counties

All correspondence and registration is conducted electronically. See the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

The Call to Continuing Conversion is meant for adults (and not children) who are baptized and will be received into Full Communion and/or Confirmation and/or Communion. Also, the Call to Continuing Conversion is equally meant for those already baptized who have not been practicing the Christian Faith but now are returning with the celebration of the Easter Sacraments.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for 2019 workshops for liturgical ministers can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops at worship@archphila.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019
Saint Norbert Parish, Paoli
7:00 to 9:00 PM – Main Church**

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the Sick

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

Lectors

Wednesday, March 13, 2019
Saint Norbert Parish, Paoli
7:00 to 9:00 PM – Main Church

Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Queen of Peace Church, Ardsley
7:00 to 9:00 PM – Main Church

A TIME TO REREAD
SING TO THE LORD: MUSIC IN DIVINE WORSHIP
Song of the Supper of the Lamb

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Auditorium
222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
7:00 to 9:00 PM
Presenter: Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill

Cantor Workshop – Level 2
February 6, 13 and 20 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Saint Jerome Roman Catholic Church
8100 Colfax Street, Philadelphia, PA 19136
Please register for this workshop at:
<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/workshops/>

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 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.

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.

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

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

FOR PAST MONTHLY MAILINGS OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP visit:

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>