

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP  
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*SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS*

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, May 8, 2011**

The American observance of Mother's Day should in no way detract from this Sunday's celebration of Easter. A petition in the Prayer of the Faithful and the possible use of the Prayer over the People found in the *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1724-1728, provides for a suitable liturgical inclusion of Mother's Day.

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL**

**OF ST. DAMIEN JOSEPH DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I**

**Tuesday, May 10, 2011**

The texts for this new Memorial in the USA may be taken from the Common of Holy Men in the *Sacramentary* and the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL**

**OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**Friday, May 13, 2011**

The texts for this new Memorial in the *Roman Missal* may be taken from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the *Sacramentary* and the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, May 15, 2011**

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is the world day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A petition in the Prayer of the Faithful is a suitable way to commemorate this occasion.

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL**

**OF SAINT CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES AND HIS COMPANIONS**

**Saturday, May 21, 2011**

The texts for this new Memorial in the *Roman Missal* may be taken from the Common of the Martyrs in the *Sacramentary* and the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

*THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION*

**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 this month.

### **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.

COMING THIS SUMMER 2011

### **CHRISTIAN INITIATION INSTITUTE FOR PRIESTS**

Look for information on a series of three weekday afternoon sessions providing an overview of the Rites of Christian Initiation for Parish Priests. These sessions will take place at the Archdiocesan Office Center in Philadelphia

### **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***

*May*

- Why We Sing the Mass?
- What We Sing at Mass?

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

**REMAINING WORKSHOPS FOR SINGING THE *ROMAN MISSAL***

**FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS**

**1:30—3:00 PM**

**Philadelphia-North**

**Monday, May 9, 2011**

***Our Lady of Hope Parish, Philadelphia***

Philadelphia-South

Monday, June 6, 2011

*Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul,  
Philadelphia*

*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**

Delaware County

Thursday, May 5, 2011

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Morton*

Montgomery County

Thursday, May 12, 2011

*St. John of the Cross Parish, Roslyn*

Philadelphia-North

Thursday, May 19, 2011

Philadelphia-South

*Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul,  
Philadelphia*

Chester County

Thursday, May 26, 2011

*Saint Joseph Parish, Downingtown*

Bucks County

Tuesday, May 31, 2011

*Saint Ephrem Parish, Bensalem*

*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!!!  
WORKSHOP  
FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.*

### ***WORKSHOP FOR LECTORS---SAVE THE DATE***

Saturday, October 8, 2011, 10:00-12:00 Noon

*Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia*

*This workshop is especially for coordinators of parish lectors. All lectors, as well as priests and deacons, are welcome to participate. More information will follow.*

### ***REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL HOLY OILS***

If during the year, additional Holy Oils are needed for sacramental use, please contact the Rector at the Cathedral, 215-561-1313.