

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
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*Check the website of the Office for Divine Worship  
for a complete listing of workshops and programs for 2012-2013*

**YEAR OF FAITH**

The English translation of the **Mass for the New Evangelization** and the **Official Hymn** for the *Year of Faith* can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

A **petition for the Prayer of the Faithful** for each Sunday of the *Year of Faith* can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

Also, see the archdiocesan website for the *Year of Faith* for easily down-loaded copies of the **Archdiocesan Prayer** for the *Year of Faith* and the **Litany** for the *Year of Faith*.

See the archdiocesan website for more information on the *Year of Faith*:

<http://archphila.org/yearoffaith/>

Also, check the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for additional information on the *Year of Faith*:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/index.cfm>

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS**

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

**Thursday, 1 November 2012, is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

## **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**Friday, 2 November 2012**

—*Priests are permitted to celebrate three Masses on All Souls Day*—

The revised *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [2010] in chapter IV, section II, on the concelebrated Mass, states:

204. *For a particular reason, having to do either with the significance of the rite or of the festivity, the faculty is given to celebrate or concelebrate more than once on the same day in the following cases: [...]*
- d) *on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) all priests may celebrate or concelebrate three Masses, provided that the celebrations take place at different times, and that the norms established regarding the application of second and third Masses are observed.*

The norms established, and referenced in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, are those of Pope Benedict XV, in his Apostolic Constitution *Incruentum altaris sacrificium*, August 10, 1915. The norms state:

*All priests are permitted to celebrate three Masses on All Souls Day, provided these take place at different times and on condition, moreover, that while they may at their preference apply one of the Masses in favor of any person and accept for that Mass a stipend, they may not accept a stipend for the second or for the third Mass, the second of which they are bound to apply respectively for all the faithful departed and the third for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.*

## **THANKSGIVING DAY**

**Thursday, 22 November 2012**

The US proper for Thanksgiving Day found in the *Roman Missal* may be used. If the proper Mass is used, the *Lectionary* texts may come from the readings of the day or from the *Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, In Thanksgiving to God*.

## **THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Saturday, 8 December 2012**

The Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation.

Please see the website of the Office for Divine Worship for details on the Saturday celebration of this Holy Day:

<http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/pdf/Immaculate%20Conception%202012.pdf>

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

**Tuesday, 25 December 2012, is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Four PM is the earliest time in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

## 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 the 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.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.
- 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 these sessions.
- 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.
- *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.*

*The Fall schedule of Archdiocesan Formation Sessions  
for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.*

### ***Important Notice for Pastors:***

*Under no circumstances are consecrated hosts to be reserved in peoples' homes during the day or overnight for the Communion of the Sick. Every possible arrangement is to be made that hosts for the Communion of the Sick are to be given to the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during the Communion of the Mass. If this is not possible, and with very good reason, then arrangements are to be made for the hosts to be obtained outside of Mass so that the Communion minister can then go immediately to the sick.*

## ANNUAL EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

The ritual book, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside Mass*, number 86, proposes:

In churches where the Eucharist is regularly reserved, it is recommended that solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an extended period of time should take place once a year, even though this period is not strictly continuous. In this way the local community may reflect more profoundly upon this mystery and adore Christ in the sacrament.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, dating from the time of the saintly Bishop John Neumann, has observed the tradition of the annual Forty Hours Devotion in our parishes and other institutions. Often the dates for the Annual Eucharistic Devotion center on the feast day of the parish or institution or the date of the dedication of the church or chapel. The Chancery Office maintains the calendar of the Forty Hours Devotion. To check on the dates or to adjust the dates when your parish is scheduled for the Forty Hours Devotion, contact the Chancery Office, 215-587-4538.