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*Check the website of the Office for Divine Worship
for a complete listing of workshops and programs for 2013-2014*

YEAR OF FAITH

A **petition for the Prayer of the Faithful** for these last Sundays of the *Year of Faith* can be found on the website for 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>

The use of the **Mass for the New Evangelization** should be considered, when possible, during this last month of the *Year of Faith*.

<http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/yearoffaith/yearoffaith.htm>

The *Year of Faith* concludes on Sunday, November 24, 2013, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. On this day the whole Church will participate in a Solemn Profession of Faith. Details about this Solemn Profession of Faith will be sent in a separate mailing.

MAGNIFICAT DAY 2013:

CELEBRATING THE GRACES OF THE YEAR OF FAITH

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Magnificat Foundation are jointly hosting *Magnificat Day* on November 9, 2013. The event was completely subscribed by the second week of October.

The outdoor Eucharistic Procession that will conclude Magnificat Day is open to all. Details about participation in this procession will be sent in a separate mailing. Information on the Eucharistic Procession can also be found on the Magnificat Day website:

<http://www.magnificatday.com/>

LITURGICAL AND CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Friday, November 1, 2013

The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Today, especially, the relics of saints can be exposed for the veneration of the faithful. This exposition can take place with the relics on a cloth covered table with two candles. The relics may be incensed during the celebration of Mass during the Introductory Rites (see GIRM no. 277).

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

(ALL SOULS DAY)

Saturday, November 2, 2013

The Rite of Marriage during Mass cannot be celebrated on All Souls Day. However, it is possible to celebrate the Rite of Marriage outside Mass on All Souls Day.

—*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.

VETERANS DAY

Monday, November 11, 2013

Archbishop Chaput brings to the attention of all of our parishes and institutions an invitation on the part of the *Guardians of the National Cemetery*, the official support committee for Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, PA. The *Guardians* encourage the tolling of church/chapel bells, eleven times at 11:00 AM on Veterans Day, as part of a Veterans Day Observance, to call to mind in prayer and to honor all veterans, especially the veterans of the First World War. If this practice is possible for your parish church or chapel, please join with others in our community who will also toll bells for the veterans.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 28, 2013

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*. If food is brought to Mass for a blessing in preparation for the Thanksgiving Day meal, the Order for the Blessing of Food for Thanksgiving Day may be used as found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 58.

A PLAN FOR AN INTERFAITH OR ECUMENICAL SERVICE IN ANTICIPATION OF THANKSGIVING DAY

Many parishes join neighboring religious communities for an interfaith or ecumenical service as part of the celebration of Thanksgiving Day. This is a commendable practice and in some areas a long-standing tradition. The following is a plan for such a service.

If the service takes place in a Catholic Church, then only a Catholic priest presides from the priest celebrant's chair. Interfaith and ecumenical representatives may take a place in the sanctuary. The priest celebrant wears a surplice/alb and white stole. A cope may also be worn. Liturgical ministers may be representative of the religious communities participating in the service. A collection of money or food for the poor may be a part of the service.

INTRODUCTION

--The service begins with a suitable psalm or hymn

--A greeting from the Roman Missal and/or an introduction to the service

--A collect from the Roman Missal, perhaps from Thanksgiving Day or For Giving Thanks to God

CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

--This part of the service follows the order for the Liturgy of the Word with the usual chants. The choice of texts, in addition to a consideration of the theme, should also be considerate of the interfaith or ecumenical assembly for this occasion. The Lectionary texts may come from the section, In Thanksgiving to God. There need only be the Gospel or the usual other readings depending on the circumstances.

--A homily or reflection may follow by the priest or by a representative of the other religious communities.

--A hymn of praise may follow the homily or reflection.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER AND BLESSING

--The Universal Prayer takes place as usual. In an ecumenical service the Lord's Prayer concludes the Universal Prayer. In an interfaith service, a concluding prayer, perhaps one of the collects not used during the Introduction may be used. The service ends with a Trinitarian blessing in an ecumenical service or a suitable prayer of blessing in an interfaith service.

--The service ends with a suitable psalm or hymn.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9, 2013

The Solemnity is transferred this year because of the coincidence with the Second Sunday of Advent on December 8. The obligation to assist at Mass is not transferred.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Wednesday, December 25, 2013, 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 FOR FALL 2013

- **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.*

Thursday, November 7, 2013, 7:00—9:00 PM
 Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doylestown, PA

*Register for this workshop directly online at the Office for Divine Worship website
 or call the Office for Divine Worship.*

*Additional workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Spanish speaking communities,
 to be announced through the Office for Hispanic Catholics, and for various ethnic communities,
 to be announced through the Office for Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees.*

CANTOR TRAINING FOR FALL 2013 AND SPRING 2014

For more information and to register for *Archdiocesan Cantor Training*, see:

<http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/music/forms/CantorTrainingRegistrationForm2013-14.pdf>

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