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**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**See the website of the Office for Divine Worship (www.odwphiladelphia.org)**

**for the schedule and registration information for all**

**liturgical ministry and liturgical music workshops**

**for 2016 – 2017.**

**Please see the flyer in this Monthly Mailing for the workshop**

**for Altar Servers.**

**INCLUSION MASS WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, October 15, 2016**

This workshop will be offered from 9:30 am to noon at the St. John Chrysostom Parish, Wallingford. The presenters will be Fr. Ed Hallinan and the team from St. John's. ***The Parish Team will present how they have adopted a parish Sunday Liturgy to support the attendance and participation of children with disabilities and their families.***    Parish Contacts for the Office for Persons with Disabilities, clergy and other parish leaders are encouraged to attend.  RSVP before October 10th.  [For the flyer or to RSVP click here.](http://opdarchphilly.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/WS.Mass-of-Welcomng-and-Inclusion10.15.16sks.pdf)

**OBSERVANCE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

*December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,*

*through November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

*(50th Anniversary of the Closing of the Second Vatican Council)*

*Remember to incorporate aspects of the Jubilee Year of Mercy into all areas of parish activities; particularly as you make parish plans for the fall months.*

*Parishes are encouraged to arrange for pilgrimages to the Cathedral Basilica and the Shrines*

*in the Archdiocese to pass through the Holy Door of Mercy during the Jubilee Year.*

***The Closing of the Holy Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica***

***will take place on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at the 6:30 PM Mass.***

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS**

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, October 2, 2016**

*The USCCB Respect Life Program begins anew each year on Respect Life Sunday, the first Sunday in October. The program is highlighted in liturgies and marked by special events. The USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities publishes a program packet each year to call attention to numerous human life issues. These materials are especially helpful for priests, parish groups, schools, and other organizations. For more information or to request packets, visit:*

<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>.

*Petitions for the Universal Prayer for the intention of Respect Life can found on the website for the Office for Worship.*

*Priests and deacons may consider, in conjunction with Respect Life Sunday, using the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb, published by the United States Conferences of Catholic Bishops in 2012. For more information on this Rite and to order in English or Spanish, see:*

[*http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/pro-life-blessings.cfm*](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/prayers/pro-life-blessings.cfm)*.*

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

The *Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples*, number 18 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions in the *Roman Missal*, may be used on World Mission Sunday. The Readings can be those of the Sunday or those for the *Evangelization of Peoples* in Volume IV of the *Lectionary for Mass.*

Additional information on the observance of World Missions can be found at the following website:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/evangelization-and-catechesis/world-missions/>.

**SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

**Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

*As we approach the beginning of another year of the Liturgical Calendar, please note the Lectionary cycles for 2017 are:*

* *Sunday Cycle – Year A*
* *Weekday Cycle – I*

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Thursday, December 8, 2016**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the United States of America, is *always* a Holy Day of Obligation, even if it falls on a Monday or Saturday.

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

**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord is *always* a Holy Day of Obligation , even if it falls on a Monday or Saturday

**4:00 P.M. is the earliest time in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.**

**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/>**.**

**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.

**TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION**

As of Pentecost 2016, the revised *Order of Confirmation* is the only ritual book to be used by priests when delegated by the Archbishop to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. This new ritual book is only published in a bi-lingual (Spanish-English) format by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To purchase a copy of *The Order for Confirmation*, see: <http://store.usccb.org/>.

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**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. The Coordinators Contact Form is available online as a [PDF](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Coordinator-Data-Collection-Form.pdf) or [Word](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Coordinator-Data-Collection-Form.docx) file.

**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/*](http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/)

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