

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP
APRIL 2010

SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

Please Note for the celebration of Christmas 2010

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord falls on a Saturday this year. For those parishes planning to schedule a Saturday evening Mass on December 25, the observance is that of Christmas Day.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

Monday, April 19

On this day it is fitting to remember with a petition in the Prayer of the Faithful the anniversary of the election of our Holy Father. Also, in some instances, the *Mass for the Pope*, found among the *Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions*, might be appropriate with the seasonal preface and the Lectionary texts assigned to the Easter weekday.

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.

ROMAN MISSAL FORMATION

USCCB WEBSITE: www.USCCB.org/liturgy/romanmissalformation

Priests are encouraged to check the USCCB website for additional information during this period of remote preparation for the reception of the new English Translation of the *Roman Missal*.

See Notre Dame Center for Liturgy for:

Web Catechesis for the Implementation of the new English Translation of the *Roman Missal*: <http://liturgy.nd.edu/webcatechesis/>

These videos and transcripts provide additional background catechesis for the implementation of the new translation.

ARCHDIOCESAN REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES

These assemblies are open to all as part of phase one of the Archdiocesan plan for the reception and implementation of the revised translation of the *Roman Missal*. Pastors are encouraged to publish the places, dates and times below in various parish media with an invitation for all to come and hear just what is the Roman Missal, why a new translation, and an overview of the newly translated texts.

Saints Simon & Jude Church

8 Cavanaugh Court
West Chester, PA 19382
Thursday, April 15, 2010
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Visitation B.V.M. Church

196 N. Trooper Road
Norristown, PA 19403-2665
Thursday, April 22, 2010
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

611 Knowles Avenue
Southampton, PA 18966-4198
Thursday, April 29, 2009
7:00 – 9:00 PM

MATERIALS TO BE PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION ON THE SACRED LITURGY

The Archdiocesan Commission on the Sacred Liturgy has been meeting monthly since December, 2009 with the aim of preparing and providing excellent materials for pastors and their collaborators to begin phase two of the Archdiocesan plan for the reception and implementation of the revised translation of the *Roman Missal* which begins in the fall of 2010. These materials will be designed to provide both catechesis and practical aids for parishes and institutions throughout the Archdiocese. More information on these materials will follow.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastors and chaplains are reminded to inform the Office for Worship if they are conducting their own training 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 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.***

Pastors, the pastoral care departments at Holy Redeemer Hospital and Medical Center, Meadowbrook, and Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital, Darby, are in need of additional Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you are near these hospitals and can recommend the assistance of Communion Ministers from your parish for this service, please call Joan Steinen, 215-938-3985 at Holy Redeemer, or Sister Angela Fellin, RSM, 610-237-4000 at Mercy Fitzgerald.

PLEASE REGISTER NOW!!! SPRING WORKSHOPS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

These sessions will include an overview of the role of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a role play of the duties of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during Mass and Communion of the Sick including the sending of the Extraordinary Minister from the Sunday Mass to the sick.

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 (7:00 PM-9:00 PM)

Event: Training Session for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Place: Saint Martin of Tours Church

Roosevelt Boulevard and Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 (7:00 PM-9:00 PM)

Event: Training Session for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Place: Our Lady Help of Christians Church

1500 Marian Road, Abington, PA 19001

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 (7:00 PM-9:00 PM)

Event: Training Session for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Place: Saint Bernadette Church

Turner Avenue between Bond and Marvine Avenues, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Saturday, May 22, 2010 (10:00 AM-12:00 PM)

Event: Training Session for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Place: Saint Francis de Sales Church

47th Street and Springfield Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143

Thursday, May 27, 2010 (7:00 PM-9:00 PM)

Event: Training Session for New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Place: St. Elizabeth Chapel

Pottstown Pike (Route 100) and Fellowship Road, Upper Uwchlan

Register for these workshops directly online at the Office for Worship website, <http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/worship.htm>, or call the Office for Worship to register at 215-587-3537. Important information for the pastor/chaplain found online on the registration forms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A CHOIR WORKSHOP AND PARISH CONCERT WITH BOB HURD

(In partnership with Oregon Catholic Press)

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Church

Roosevelt Blvd. and Knorr St.

Philadelphia, PA

10:00 AM-3:00 PM Workshop

No admission for workshop, \$15 for lunch

To register, call Marian at 215-332-6166

7:00 PM Concert Open to All

A CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE ORGAN FUND WITH DAN SCHUTTE

Friday, April 23, 2010

St. Anastasia Church

3301 West Chester Pike (at Radnor Drive)

Newtown Square, PA

7:30 PM

Registration Fee: 30 for groups of 4

After April 1: \$12 per person

Door sales welcome as space permits

Norbert Elberson

330 Pinecrest Rd.

Springfield, PA 19064-3310

More information: 610-604-4898 or norbertelberson@msn.com

SAVE THE DATE

THE PHILADELPHIA LITURGICAL INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES

SACRED MYSTERIES: ENRICHING THE CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 9, 2010

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Gordon W. Lathrop

Professor of Liturgy Emeritus

Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

In addition to the Keynote, the day will include an opening and closing prayer event and three afternoon interactive presentations on liturgical presiding, music and architecture.

The Philadelphia Liturgical Institute is an ecumenical foundation which includes the membership of liturgical leaders who represent the many Christian denominations in the region of the City of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Liturgical Institute aims to assist Christian communities in the renewal of liturgical celebration in the local church.

This event is co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Theological Institute.