

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP FEBRUARY 2010

SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

February 2, 2010, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

If at all possible, candles should be blessed at one of the scheduled Masses following one of the two forms in the Sacramentary.

February 3, 2010, Memorial of Saint Blase and the Blessing of Throats

The blessing of throats should be observed according to the directives and with the prayer found in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 51.

February 11, 2010, Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and Prayer for the Sick

Pope John Paul II in May 1992 established this memorial as the World Day of the Sick. A remembrance of the sick in announcements and in the Prayer of the Faithful is especially fitting this day.

February 17, 2010, Ash Wednesday

*Ashes are distributed **only** on Ash Wednesday and not the days before or after. The possible forms in the Sacramentary and in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 52, should be observed.*

February 21, 2010, First Sunday of Lent and the Rite of Election

Details regarding the Rite of Election have been distributed by mail by the Office for the Formation of the Laity to the parish coordinators for Christian Initiation. All priests are invited to vest in choir dress in the New Room behind the Cathedral Basilica Sanctuary for the procession for the Rite of Election.

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.

ACMP WINTER WORKSHOP FOR ALL CLERGY AND LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTERS

Liturgy as a Collective Act: *Sing to the Lord* and the New *Roman Missal*

February 6, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER AND PASS IT ON!

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*.

During this year of remote preparation for the reception of the new translation, three general assemblies are scheduled. All are welcome—priests, deacons, religious and especially the faithful! Each of these assemblies will provide a general overview of the *Roman Missal*, answering the questions of how the translation was conducted and why the need for a new English translation at this time. Samples of the newly translated texts will also be presented.

The places, dates and times are given below for these assemblies. More information will follow.

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

National Association of Pastoral Musicians Webinar: PREPARING FOR THE NEW *ROMAN MISSAL*

How should pastors, musicians, and other pastoral leaders prepare themselves, their communities, and their liturgical ministers for implementation of the new English language edition of the *Roman Missal*? Explore this and other questions during the upcoming webinar “Preparing for the New *Roman Missal*,” on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 2:00 PM ET, 1:00 PM CT, 12:00 NOON MT, 11:00 AM PT. The webinar will be presented by **Father Paul Turner**, who has been serving as secretary to the bishops of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy as they have worked on the new English translation of the *Roman Missal*.

In addition to individual registration at \$25, there are special rates for groups who view the webinar at the same computer. Visit the [NPM website](#) for details.

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!!! WINTER 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.

Thursday, February 11, 2009, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
St. Martin of Tours Church, Roosevelt Boulevard and Cheltenham Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124
In the lower church.

Thursday, February 18, 2009, 7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church, Alms House Road and Meetinghouse Road, Jamison, PA 18929

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.

THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Conditional Baptism

The following norm is to be observed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with regard to the reception of candidates into the full communion of the Catholic Church:

Baptism is the doorway to all of the Sacraments. Therefore, the sacred minister needs moral certitude that a person was baptized with the Trinitarian formula and the triple water pouring/immersion before other Sacraments are celebrated. This moral certitude requires more than the evidence of a baptismal certificate and must be the case in each individual circumstance. Such moral certitude can often be readily obtained through inquiry with the candidate. When moral certitude is lacking, a conditional Baptism is necessary (see Canon 869 and National Statutes for the Catechumenate 37).

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, May 23, 2010, 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 the website for the Office for Worship.

Confirmation by Priests

A pastor who foresees the genuine pastoral need to confirm a baptized Roman Catholic can do so only with the specific delegation of the Bishop (see Canon 882 and National Statutes for the Catechumenate 28-29). The request for such delegation is to be made in writing, including the name of the priest and the individual(s) prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. While the request is to be addressed to the Archbishop, the letter is directed to Bishop Maginnis.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Additional Information for Liturgical Preparation

The *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts (Paschale Solemnitatis)*, by the Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, is posted on the website for the Office for Worship. This letter provides helpful pastoral, theological and liturgical (as well liturgical music) information for pastors and preparers of the Liturgy for Lent, the Triduum and Easter time.

Notes for the celebration of the Triduum according to the revised rubrics found in the 2002 edition of the *Missale Romanum* can be found on the website of the Office for Worship and also the website of the Bishops' Committee for Divine Worship. These rubrics have the force of law for the universal Church since the promulgation of the typical edition of the

2002 *Missale Romanum* and will be incorporated into the new English translation of this same liturgical book.

Celebrant of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday

The nature and context of this Good Friday Liturgy requires a priest celebrant and can not be delegated to a deacon or a lay person.

Time of the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil should not begin before nightfall. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to the US Naval Observatory Astronomical Applications Department, occurs at 7:27 PM on April 3, 2010.