

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Monday, 1 November 2010

The Solemnity of All Saints, since it falls on a Monday this year, is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Nonetheless, the faithful should be encouraged to participate in the scheduled Masses, celebrated in a festive manner.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Tuesday, 2 November 2010

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

The revised *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* [2002], 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, 25 November 2010

The US proper for Thanksgiving Day found in the *Sacramentary* 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 Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, In Thanksgiving to God*.

**VIGIL FOR ALL NASCENT HUMAN LIFE
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Saturday Evening, 27 November 2010

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, invites Catholics throughout the world to pray especially for the unborn as the Church begins the holy season of Advent, the time to prepare for the Birth of Jesus. In response to our Holy Father's desire, the holy Rosary will be prayed in all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia immediately before the vigil Mass on Saturday evening, November 27, 2010 for the First Sunday of Advent.

A sample bulletin announcement, the plan for the Rosary before Mass, and an intercession for the Prayer of the Faithful for the intention of the protection of human life, for the First Sunday of Advent, has already been sent by hard-copy to all the Pastors of the Archdiocese. This same material can be found on the website of the Office for Worship.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Wednesday, 8 December 2010 is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Saturday, 25 December 2010 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.

The Saturday evening Mass on December 25 is that of Christmas Day.

**CONTACT INFORMATION
FOR NEW DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC**

Dr. John A. Romeri, as of September 1, 2010, is the new Director of Liturgical Music for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. His office is on the eighth floor of the Archdiocesan Office Center. His contact information follows:

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**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.

ROMAN MISSAL FORMATION

The Office for Worship has produced a parish based catechesis for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the reception of the *Roman Missal* for use beginning Advent 2010 through to Advent 2011. This catechesis is called: *Know the Words, Know the Meaning, Know the Mystery*. It is designed for a great variety of uses in the parish and for a great variety of parish groups. It can be downloaded and inserted into parish bulletins, printed for discussion and reflection, and provide content for school and religious education classes.

The two-page catechetical segments are arranged according to the following topics and calendar. A more complete set of instructions for use and the catechetical segments will be available on the Office for Worship website.

Know the Words, Know the Meaning, Know the Mystery

December

- What is the Sacred Liturgy?
- The Sacred Liturgy: The Work of the Most Holy Trinity

January

- What is the Mass?
- What is the Liturgical Assembly/Priest and People?
- The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist: One Act of Worship

February

- The Liturgy of the Word
- The English Translation of the *Lectionary for Mass*
- The Liturgy of the Eucharist
- The Reception of Holy Communion at Mass

March

- What is the *Roman Missal*?
- Why a Revised English Translation?
- What are the Translation Rules?
- Regard and Respect for the Received Liturgical Texts

April

- Parts of the Mass for the Priest
- Parts of the Mass for the People
- Parts of the Mass for Priest and People together

May

- Why We Sing the Mass?
- What We Sing at Mass?

June

- Sacred Art
- Liturgical Architecture
July and August
- The Deacon at Mass
- Liturgical Ministers at Mass
- The Lector at Mass
- The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass
- The Server at Mass
September
- Liturgical Postures
- Liturgical Gestures
- The Importance of Silence to the Liturgy
October
- Full, Active and Conscious Participation: Exteriorly
- Full, Active and Conscious Participation: Interiorly
November
- The Paschal Mystery and all of the Sacraments
- Liturgical Spirituality: Celebrating and Living the Mystery

Additional resources on the *Roman Missal* are presently available on the website of the Office for Worship. Also, see the website for a more complete calendar of events in the Archdiocese for the reception of the *Roman Missal*.

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 for when your parish is scheduled for the Forty Hours Devotion, contact the Chancery Office.