

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEM

**MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

A votive *Mass of the Holy Spirit* may be scheduled for the opening of the academic year on weekdays when there is no liturgical impediment. The *Roman Missal* provides three options for this Votive Mass. One of the prefaces of the Holy Spirit is used and red vestments are worn. The *Lectioary* texts for the day are preferable.

Also, see the options in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 5: Order for the Blessing of Students and Teachers, for another way to liturgically celebrate the opening of the academic year.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHILDREN  
FOR USE WITH THE ROMAN MISSAL, THIRD EDITION**

The three *Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with Children* for use with the *Roman Missal* are now available as a supplement to the Missal. Copies of these prayers can be obtained from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Publishing:

<http://www.usccbpublishing.org/showproducts.cfm?WPCID=1270>

The introduction to the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* highlights several significant pastoral and ritual issues. The *Eucharistic Prayers for Children* are strictly limited to Masses celebrated with children (no. 14). Emphasis is to be given to singing the responses and acclamations proper to the Prayers. Catechetical instruction on “internal participation” in the saving event of the Eucharistic Prayer should precede celebrations with children and the use of the *Eucharistic Prayers for Children*.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION  
Friday, September 1, 2017**

Pope Francis established this observance in September 2015 following a similar observance in the Eastern Church. The homily on this day, as well as an intention in the Universal Prayer, should call to mind this observance.

Additional resources for Prayers to Care of Creation can be found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-to-care-for-creation.cfm>.

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Sunday, September 17, 2017**

***LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES***

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Resources in English and Spanish for the observance of Catechetical Sunday can be found at:  
<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/>

## SAVE THE DATE

**Archdiocesan Rosary**  
**Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway**  
**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103**  
**Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

*Plan now to participate. Parish groups, such as the Legion of Mary, the Altar and Rosary Society, and Prayer Groups, are encouraged to attend as a group. This year, the Archdiocesan Rosary will focus on the invitation of Our Lady of Fatima to the shepherd children and to all of us to pray the daily Rosary for the intention of peace. Parking is available in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center Parking Lot.*

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage**  
**to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**  
**Washington, DC**  
**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

*All Parishes, Schools and Institutions are encouraged to participate. Parishes with titles of Our Blessed Mother are especially asked to consider making the Pilgrimage as a parish group. Each parish and institution is responsible for securing its own transportation to the National Shrine. Information about parking and the schedule of the day will be sent to the parishes and institutions in a separate mailing.*

## 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/>.
- The *Institute for Christian Initiation* will again take place next year. Please see the flyer attached to this edition of the Monthly Mailing.

## **CHRISTIAN INITIATION COORDINATORS FALL MEETING**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 10:00 AM - Noon  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
*Crafting the Syllabus for the Catechetical Sessions for Adults and Children*  
Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

### **PARISH BULLETIN INQUIRY ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following is provided as a guide for parish bulletin announcements for the Inquiry Period of Christian Initiation. This announcement respects the various groupings of adults who are seeking information on the Sacraments of Christian Initiation:

#### **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH**

Saint N. Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian, would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic, would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

#### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

#### **LITURGICAL FORMATION WORKSHOPS 2017-2018**

#### **INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

Saturdays, October 21, 2017, January 13, 2018 and March 3, 2018, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

## LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Since 2008, the Office for Divine Worship has provided workshops throughout the fall and spring all throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors. These have in some instances been very well attended and in other instances poorly attended. For 2017-2018, the Office is experimenting with a new approach to the workshops.*

### **For Lectors:**

Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Cathedral Chapel, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Presenter, Sister Marganne Drago, SSJ

### **For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Thursday, November 9, 2017, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

and Thursday, March 15, 2018, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Cathedral Chapel, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

### **For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Sick:**

Saturday, February 3, 2018, 10:00 AM - Noon

Cathedral Chapel, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

## **ON REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Saturday, October 7, 2017, 9:30—11:30 AM

Cathedral Chapel, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Presenters: Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

and Sister Kathleen Schipani, IHM, Director of the Office for Persons with Disabilities

## 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, only the revised *Order of Confirmation* may 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/>.

#### LINK TO INFORMATION ON MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM

Please see: <https://sites.google.com/site/latinmassphila/>.

## 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.

### **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/>

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>.

**FOR PAST MONTHLY MAILINGS OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP** visit:

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>