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LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

THE PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

Many parishes and institutions within the Archdiocese have responded positively to pray the prayer to Saint Michael in conjunction with the celebration of Mass. You are reminded that this devotional prayer is to take place outside of Mass. It is not to be prayed as the concluding prayer of the Universal Prayer nor as part of the Communion Rite.

THE TIME FOR VIGIL MASSES AND ANTICIPATED MASSES

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is no earlier than 4:00 PM. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAYS WHEN THE OBLIGATION IS SUSPENDED

In the United States, there are three Holy Days, Solemnities, when the obligation to participate in Mass is suspended when the observance falls on a Monday or a Saturday—the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1), the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1). In these instances, the Mass schedule certainly can be modified. However, there should at least be the celebration of one Mass for the benefit of the faithful who desire to attend Mass.

ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

The Ordination of Deacons is an Archdiocesan Celebration and all clergy and faithful are welcome to attend. Pastors are asked to make this information known to their parishioners in the most convenient way.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, June 9, 2019

In some circumstances, consideration should be given to the *Roman Missal* provision for a prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a Vigil on Saturday evening to pray urgently for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Monday, June 10, 2019

Pope Francis has added this obligatory Memorial to the *General Roman Calendar* and it is to be celebrated each year.

The USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship has posted information about the readings and orations for Mass. It also provides information about the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours on this new Memorial. See the website:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/mother-of-the-church.cfm>

The new Memorial supersedes the rubric at the end of the Pentecost Mass that suggests that a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit may be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

Please note that the readings will be proper to the day, not optional. They are slightly different than what is in the *Lectionary for Mass* (Lectionary Number 1002-I). The Secretariat has produced a PDF of the readings which may be found at the above link.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, June 16, 2019

The American observance of Father's Day on this day should in no way detract from this Sunday's celebration of the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. An intention in the Universal Prayer and the possible use of the *Prayer over the People* found in the *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1729-1733, provides for a suitable liturgical inclusion of Father's Day.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

June 22 through June 29, 2018: Strength in Hope

People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Sunday, June 23, 2019

A more solemn celebration of Mass on this Sunday is a most fitting way to observe this Solemnity. Liturgical exposition and a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament follow the norms found in the ritual book, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*. It is also possible to have exposition and a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament on a day near to the Solemnity, in anticipation or to recall its observance.

The *Sequence* is optional on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Looking ahead...

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

ALL SOULS DAY

Saturday, November 2, 2019

The Celebration of Marriage: Only the Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass can take place on All Souls Day.

The evening Mass on Saturday, November 2, 2019, is for Sunday, the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

SAVE THE DATE

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimage
to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC
Saturday, October 19, 2019**

All Parishes, Schools and Institutions are encouraged to participate.

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*.

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. Every effort should be made to prepare Catholic Adults for Confirmation to participate in the parish celebration with the Bishop.

Additionally, Archbishop Chaput will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019, during the 6:30 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 has already been distributed and can also be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

If for some serious reason, a school age baptized Roman Catholic is unable to be confirmed by the Bishop during his pastoral visit to the parish, then this candidate, with the permission of the pastor, may be presented for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. The pastor's permission is to be included with the registration forms to be sent to the Office for Divine Worship.

A pastor who foresees the genuine pastoral need to confirm an adult baptized Roman Catholic can do so only with the specific delegation of the Bishop (see Canon 882 and *National Statutes for the Catechumenate*, nos. 28-29). Archbishop Chaput gives this faculty to all priests of the Archdiocese to confirm Roman Catholic Adults on any occasion from Palm Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. This delegation is required for the

validity of the Sacrament in the case of a Roman Catholic candidate. If you have any questions about this faculty, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. There is no need for an additional letter requesting this faculty during the period specified by the Archbishop. Priests are reminded that only the 2016 revised *The Order of Confirmation* may be used to celebrate the Sacrament.

Full Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the first reception of Communion—apart from the Easter Vigil, outside the immediate danger of death, requires the permission of the Archbishop (see RCIA, no. 331). Archbishop Chaput delegates the Office for Divine Worship to give this permission. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship for such circumstances.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for 2019 / 2020 workshops for liturgical ministers can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops at worship@archphila.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, October 10, 2019

Saint Joseph Parish, Downingtown

7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Main Church

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Lectors

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Saint Joseph Parish, Downingtown

7:00 to 9:00 PM in the Main Church

Please register at: worship@archphila.org

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

Workshop in Spanish

For Parish Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, November 16, 2019

10:00 AM to Noon / 12:05 PM Mass to follow

Cathedral Chapel

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available
Please register at worship@archphila.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the Sick

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Cathedral Chapel

10:00 AM to 12 Noon

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th and Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking Available

Please register at worship@archphila.org

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship.

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.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS ON WEDDINGS IN CHAPELS

1. Only those Catholic colleges and universities that have requested and have been granted permission may celebrate weddings on a regular basis. To date four colleges/universities have been given this special permission: LaSalle University, Saint Joseph University, Rosemont College, and Cabrini College. (Villanova University's Church, which serves as both the university chapel and parish church continues also to be a site for weddings on a regular basis.)
2. Pastors may give individual permission for a wedding in a chapel within the parish only on a "case by case" basis. Pastors cannot grant a blanket permission for a chapel to be used as the site of weddings. Those in charge of chapels cannot presume this permission and should not, therefore, advertise the chapel as being available for weddings.
3. Whenever a pastor gives an individual permission for a wedding in a chapel within his parish, the pastor remains responsible to see to it that any necessary delegation is granted and that all of the documentation and other pastoral, canonical, and liturgical preparations for the marriage are completed. Requests to the chancery for dispensations/permissions must be submitted by the parish - not the chapel. The wedding is recorded in the parish sacramental register.

DISPLAY OF FLAGS IN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Surprisingly to many, there are no regulations of any kind governing the display of flags in Roman Catholic Churches. Neither the Code of Canon law, nor the liturgical books of the Roman rite comment on this practice. As a result, the question of whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic Church is left up to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who in turn often delegates this to the discretion of the pastor.

The origin of the display of the American flag in many parishes in the United States appears to have its origins in the offering of prayers for those who served during the Second World War (1941-1945). At that time, many bishops and pastors provided a book of remembrance near the American flag, requesting prayers for loved ones – especially those serving their country in the armed forces. This practice has since been confirmed in many places during the Korean, Viet Nam and Iraqi conflicts.

The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has in the past encouraged pastors not to place the flag within the sanctuary itself, in order to reserve that space for the altar, the ambo, the presidential chair and the tabernacle. Instead, the suggestion has been made that the American flag be placed outside the sanctuary, or in the vestibule of the Church together with a book of prayer requests. It remains, however, for the diocesan bishop to determine regulations in this matter.

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.

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

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

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