

# OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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**MOST CURRENT LITURGICAL DIRECTIVES  
WITH REGARD TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

Please see the website of the Office for Divine Worship,  
<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/>  
for regular updates.

**LITURGICAL AND SPIRITUAL RESOURCES  
DURING THIS TIME  
OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC**

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## LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

### **YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**

On December 8, 2020, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis announced a Year of Saint Joseph that began that day and will continue through December 8, 2021. The Year of Saint Joseph commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church. You can read the Holy Father's Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, on Saint Joseph here:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html).

The Archdiocesan Observance of the Year of Saint Joseph will be announced through the Office for Divine Worship and the Office for Communications throughout 2021.

### **ONGOING PRAYER FOR HEALING AND PEACE FOR OUR CITY AND COUNTRY**

The following intention may be included regularly in the Universal Prayer (second category) for Sundays.

*For the eradication of all forms of racism among all peoples  
and that all will open wide their hearts with the love of God and neighbor  
so that healing and peace will mark our way of life.  
Let us pray to the Lord/Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Por la erradicación de todas las formas de racismo entre todos los pueblos  
y que todos abran sus corazones con el amor de Dios y del prójimo  
para que la sanación interior y la paz marquen nuestro estilo de vida.  
Roguemos al Señor/Te rogamos óyenos.*

### **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.

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. *During the Pandemic the obligation to assist at Mass on the Holy Day is dispensed.*

### **FEAST OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN**

**Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

The commemoration of Saint John Neumann enjoys the rank of a *feast* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for both the celebration of Mass and the Divine Office. Therefore, both at Mass and for the Liturgy of the Hours those features proper to a *feast* are observed.

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**Monday, January 18, 2021 through Monday, January 25, 2021**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity should have, if possible, intentions in the Universal Prayer. Also, when possible during this week the Mass for the Unity of Christians may be used with the readings of the day and green vestments.

See the following site of the *Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute* for additional resources: [https://geii.org/week\\_of\\_prayer\\_for\\_christian\\_unity/](https://geii.org/week_of_prayer_for_christian_unity/).

**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR THE DIOCESES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Friday, January 22, 2021**

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

Intentions for the Universal Prayer for Respect Life can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD  
Sunday, January 24, 2021**

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio* "Aperuit illis", published on 30 September, established that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God".

SAVE THE DATE

**THE BIENNIAL ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**  
to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
will be on Saturday, October 16, 2021

**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*.

**2021 RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS  
AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES  
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Saturday, February 20, 2021 11:00 AM Montgomery and Delaware County  
Saturday, February 20, 2021 3:00 PM Chester and Bucks County  
Sunday, February 21, 2021 3:00 PM Philadelphia North and South County

All correspondence and registration is conducted electronically. See the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

The Call to Continuing Conversion is meant for adults (and not children) who are baptized and will be received into Full Communion and/or Confirmation and/or Communion. Also, the Call to Continuing Conversion is equally meant for those already baptized who have not been practicing the Christian Faith but now are returning with the celebration of the Easter Sacraments.

Please see, <http://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Sacraments-of-Christian-Initiation-Easter-5-8-20.pdf>, for reminders about the Sacraments of Christian Initiation during the pandemic.

#### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

#### WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

*The calendar for 2021 workshops for liturgical ministers can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. Register for these workshops at [worship@archphila.org](mailto: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.*

*If a parish or institution conducts its own workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, please contact the Office for Divine Worship for instructional materials and also to obtain the mandate letters from the Archbishop for the new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.*

*Plans are underway to provide virtual formation workshops in English and Spanish for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. As soon as the materials are ready, additional information will be published. The virtual formation workshops will be*

*available to everyone. Pastors will need to insure that proposed Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion view the virtual formation workshop and then submit their names to the Office for Divine Worship for the mandate letter from the Archbishop.*

## **2021 WORKSHOPS**

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop**

**Tuesday, March 9, 2021**

Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Warminster

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

Saint Andrew Parish, Drexel Hill

7:15 PM to 9:00 PM in Church

Please register at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

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### **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick Workshop**

**Saturday, February 27, 2021**

Cathedral Chapel

18<sup>th</sup> Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway

Philadelphia, PA 19103

9:30 AM to 12Noon

12:05 Mass to follow

Please register at [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org)

### **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.

ON-LINE COURSES ON THE SACRED LITURGY  
AVAILABLE FROM THE LITURGICAL INSTITUTE AT MUNDELEIN

This is a new online liturgy program as a resource for both church professionals and the laity. This new online program extends the mission of the Institute to diocesan and parish professionals as well as interested individual Catholics. Composed of five one-hour classroom sessions followed by online quizzes, each course awards one-half Continuing Education Unit and brings a fresh, energized approach to the study of liturgical renewal.

For additional information, please see: <https://www.liturgicalinstitute.org/>.

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

**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/>.

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

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