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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**

Please see the website of the Office for Divine Worship,

<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/home-page/news/>

and <http://archphila.org/arise/>.

LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

RECURRING INFORMATION

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

On December 8, 2020, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, announced *The Year of Saint Joseph* that began that day and will continue through December 8, 2021. *The Year of Saint Joseph* commemorates the 150th 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.

For Information on the Archdiocesan Observance of the *Year of Saint Joseph*, please see:

<http://archphila.org/joseph/>.

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.
Rogamos 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.

ORDINATIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Ordination of Deacons (transitional) will take place on Saturday, May 8, 2021. The Ordination of Priests will take place on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Please include an intention in the Universal Prayer on the Sundays before each Ordination for those who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Saturday, May 1, 2021

This Memorial should receive special attention during *The Year of Saint Joseph*.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 13, 2021

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. *During the Pandemic the obligation to assist at Mass on the Holy Day is dispensed.*

EASTER TIME

APOSTLES' CREED DURING LENT AND EASTER TIME

Consideration should be given to the use of the Apostles' Creed during Easter Time as provided in the *Roman Missal*. The Order of Mass, number 19, states: *Instead of the Niceno-*

Constantinopolitan Creed, especially during Lent and Easter time, the baptismal Symbol of the Roman Church, known as the Apostles' Creed, may be used.

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*

Please see the attached flyer for more information for the Institute for Christian Initiation 2021:

Saturday, October 30, 2021

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, *lunch included*

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center

Auditorium A & B

222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Parking available

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter

Director, Office for Divine Worship

Register by e-mail at worship@archphila.org

**Also, please make check payable to - Archdiocese of Philadelphia
with the name(s) of the participant(s) in the amount of \$50.00 per participant
and mail to - Office for Divine Worship, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Registration deadline is October 15, 2021**

MASSES FOR THE NEOPHYTES AND A PENTECOST CELEBRATION DURING EASTER TIME

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* provides helpful guidance for the pastoral care of the newly baptized adults at Easter:

247 Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the

Lectionary, especially the readings for Year A. Even when Christian initiation has been celebrated outside the usual times, the texts for these Sunday Masses of the Easter season may be used.

248 All the neophytes and their godparents should make an effort to take part in the Masses for the neophytes and the entire local community should be invited to participate with them. Special places in the congregation are to be reserved for the neophytes and their godparents. The homily and, as circumstances suggest, the general intercessions should take into account the presence and needs of the neophytes.

249 To close the period of postbaptismal catechesis, some sort of celebration should be held at the end of the Easter season near Pentecost Sunday; festivities in keeping with local custom may accompany the occasion.

RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* allows for people baptized in another church or ecclesial community, although never treated as catechumens, to benefit from the doctrinal and spiritual formation of the unbaptized. Additionally, the use of the Combined Rites for catechumens and candidates gives the candidates an important sense of the Sacred Liturgy and participation with the Church leading to Confirmation and Communion. However, many candidates do not require a full program parallel to the catechumenate. Therefore, the directives provided in the US National Statutes for the Catechumenate for Reception into Full Communion (nos. 30-37) should be increasingly observed.

Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for baptized non-Catholics are an essential element of their Reception (See RCIA, no. 482).

Reception of Candidates and Valid Baptism and Conditional Baptism

All non-Catholic Christians seeking full communion must be validly baptized. 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).

Additional information on valid baptism and conditional baptism can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

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.*

- The Archbishop grants the faculty to priests of the Archdiocese to confirm Catholic adults (those who have completed fourteen years of age and older) even beyond Pentecost until further notice while the COVID 19 Pandemic endures.
- The 2016 edition of the *Order of Confirmation* must be used for the Conferral of the Sacrament. A copy can be provided by the Office for Divine Worship.
- The celebration of Confirmation is recorded in the parish Confirmation Register and at the church of Baptism.
- *The conferral of Confirmation for adults (those who have completed fourteen years of age) planned for Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 at the Cathedral Basilica will not take place this year.*

PLEASE NOTE

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

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 workshops for liturgical ministers will be posted on website for the Office for Divine Worship during the summer months. Register for these workshops 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.

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.

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 AND UPDATED SUPPLEMENT WITH NEW LITURGICAL OBSERVANCES
FOR THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

Contact Dominican Liturgy Publications:

<https://www.lulu.com/spotlight/athompsonatdsptdotcom> It is the second item on the page.

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/>.