

# OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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## 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 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).

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.  
Rogemos 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.

## **TIME OF THE EASTER VIGIL 2022**

The Easter Vigil is the first Mass of Easter Sunday and not in any way to be considered an Anticipated Mass for Easter Sunday. This is why the discipline of the Church insists that it should not begin before nightfall in any circumstance. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to a variety of models, occurs approximately at 7:40 PM on April 16, 2022. This information is provided at this time to assist with calendar planning for 2021-2022. In general, given the variable date for Easter, it seems best to schedule the Easter Vigil each year for 8:00 PM or later.

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

### **A complete list of Holy Days of Obligation and their observances for 2021-2022 are:**

Monday, November 1, 2021

Solemnity of All Saints

*Since this Holy Day falls on a Monday, the obligation is dispensed.*

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Patronal Feast of the United States of America*

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

*Please note: In the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Vigil Mass **cannot** be celebrated before 4:00 PM.*

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*Since this Holy Day falls on a Saturday, the obligation is dispensed.*

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Monday, August 15, 2022

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Since this Holy Day falls on a Monday, the obligation is dispensed.*

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Solemnity of All Saints

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### **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 Lectionary 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 celebrate liturgically the opening of the academic year.

### ***SAVE THE DATE***

Holy Mass for Deceased Priests

Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, celebrant and homilist

All priests are welcome to concelebrate.

### ***SAVE THE NEW DATE***

Upon the recommendation of the Pilgrimage Office at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC, the anticipated Archdiocesan Pilgrimage scheduled for this fall, Saturday, October 16, 2021, **is re-scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022.**

Planning details will follow at a later date. All parishes, religious communities and institutions are asked to mark the date to allow for the broadest possible participation of clergy and faithful from all throughout the Archdiocese.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

*Parking available*

Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill, Presenter

Director, Office for Divine Worship

**Register by e-mail at [worship@archphila.org](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103  
Registration deadline is October 15, 2021**

## 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) until September 1, 2021**
- 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.

## **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.*

## **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

### **WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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

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

Saturday, September 18, 2021

10:00 AM to 12 Noon

Saint Francis de Sales Church, Springfield Avenue, Philadelphia

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

## Spanish Liturgical Ministry Workshop

Saturday, November 20, 2021  
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (Chapel)  
10:00 AM to 12 Noon  
18<sup>th</sup> Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
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/>.

SPECIAL BUNDLES OF COURSES ON THE SACRED LITURGY DESIGNED  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

Please take a moment and look at the link below:

<https://liturgy.teachable.com/p/philadelphia>

The **Liturgical Institute** at Mundelein (at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake) has made available to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia a special bundle of their on-line courses at a most reasonable rate. These courses provide foundational information on the Sacred Liturgy for clergy and the lay faithful.

The summer may be an ideal time for many to take advantage of the opportunity to take these on-line courses. They are excellent refresher courses as well as new learning opportunities for liturgical ministers and catechists.

REPUBLISHED INFORMATION

**STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF THE MUSIC COMPOSED BY DAVID HAAS  
July 20, 2020**

The liturgical music composed by David Haas will no longer be used for Archdiocesan and Cathedral celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy. Parishes, religious communities and institutions throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are encouraged to do the same. This is in response to the recent allegations of inappropriate conduct with women and the investigation of these allegations. The Office for Divine Worship stands in solidarity with all victims of sexual violence and harassment and is committed to promoting and maintaining safe environments.

For additional information, please see the statement of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota:

<https://www.archspm.org/additional-statement-regarding-david-haas/>.

Also, please see the statement of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians:

<https://www.facebook.com/233811427278/posts/10158226946987279>.

## PROTOCOL

### ON THE OCCASION OF THE DESECRATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The norms for the proper celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord, the exposition and the reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament are to be carefully and consistently observed, with the vigilant oversight of the Pastor and/or chaplain, in all churches and oratories within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. These norms are principally found in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal, Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, the ritual book, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass* and the *Code of Canon Law*.

When the desecration of the Most Blessed Sacrament occurs during the celebration of Mass, with the reception of Holy Communion, during simple or solemn exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and/or to the reserved Most Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, the following protocol is to be observed:

1. The Regional Bishop and/or the Dean should be informed immediately by the pastor or chaplain of the church or oratory. The Regional Bishop and/or Dean then informs the Archbishop immediately.
2. The Pastor or chaplain contacts the Office for Divine Worship for a suitable form of reparation for the desecration to be carried out by the pastor or chaplain.
3. A record is kept of the desecration and the reparation in the Chancery.

*Approved by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput on Monday, July 6, 2015*

## LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

### FOR AN 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/>.