

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, August 15, 2014

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

A complete list of Holy Days of Obligation and their observance for 2014-15 are:

Saturday, November 1, 2014

Solemnity of All Saints

When the Solemnity of All Saints falls on a Monday or a Saturday, the obligation to assist at Mass is suspended.

Monday, December 8, 2014

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the United States of America, is always a Holy Day of Obligation, even if it falls on a Monday or Saturday.

Thursday, December 25, 2014

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Thursday January 1, 2015
Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, May 14, 2015
Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Saturday, August 15, 2015
Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
When the Solemnity of the Assumption falls on a Monday or a Saturday, the obligation to assist at Mass is suspended.

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 liturgically celebrate the opening of the academic year.

LOOKING AHEAD AT LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS IN 2014

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, November 1, 2014

All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Weddings can be celebrated during Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints. The liturgical music, Mass formula and Lectionary texts are those of the Solemnity of All Saints. The Rite of Marriage is celebrated as usual following the homily. The Nuptial Blessing takes place as usual. The Solemn Blessing from the Rite of Marriage may be used instead of the Solemn Blessing for the Solemnity of All Saints.

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*.

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.

WORKSHOPS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
- 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 these sessions.
- 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.
- *Pastors are reminded to conduct the commissioning of new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion according to the rite found in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 63.*

The schedule of Archdiocesan Workshops for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is posted on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.