

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP
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SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
OF ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (EDITH STEIN),
VIRGIN AND MARTYR**

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

The texts for this new Memorial in the USA may be taken from the Common of Martyrs or Virgins in the *Sacramentary* and the *Liturgy of the Hours*.

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL
OF ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS**

August 12, 2011

This memorial was moved to this date with the publication of the Universal Calendar in the 2002 *Missale Romanum*.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Monday, August 15, 2011**

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, since it falls on a Monday this year, is not observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Nonetheless, the faithful should be encouraged to participate in the scheduled Masses, celebrated in a festive manner.

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 *Sacramentary* 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.

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Sunday, September 11, 2011**

Patriot Day, September 11, is observed every year to mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States of America. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the attacks and will be a significant occasion for prayer and reflection, especially with the celebration of Sunday Mass.

The Mass of the Sunday, with the given texts in the *Sacramentary* and *Lectionary*, is to be celebrated. The homily, with appropriate references to the Scriptures, the Prayer of the Faithful, and, perhaps, the hymn after Mass, suggest possibilities for commemorating 9/11/01.

ROMAN MISSAL FORMATION
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
**PARISH BASED CATECHESIS
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

The Office for Worship has produced a parish based catechesis for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for the reception of the *Roman Missal* for use beginning Advent 2010 through Advent 2011. This catechesis is called: *Know the Words, Know the Meaning, Know the Mystery*. It is designed for a great variety of uses in the parish and for a great variety of parish groups. It can be downloaded and inserted into parish bulletins, printed for discussion and reflection, and provide content for school and religious education classes.

The two-page catechetical segments are arranged according to the following topics and calendar. A more complete set of instructions for use and the catechetical segments is available on the website for the Office for Worship.

Know the Words, Know the Meaning, Know the Mystery

July and August

- The Deacon at Mass
- Liturgical Ministers at Mass
 - The Lector at Mass
- The Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass
 - The Server at Mass

Additional resources on the *Roman Missal* are also available on the website of the Office for Worship.

**Check the website for the Office for Divine Worship
for information on the purchase of the new *Roman Missal*.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 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 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 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.*

**Check the website of the Office for Divine Worship
for Fall locations of Archdiocesan Formation Sessions
for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.**

PURCHASE OF LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

More and more inquiries are made about the purchase of low-gluten hosts for the reception of Holy Communion by the faithful with wheat allergies and related health issues. Such hosts are available from the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Orders can be made directly from their website, <http://altarbreadsbspa.com/lowgluten.php>.

Members of the faithful who require the use of a low-gluten host for Holy Communion should alert the priest celebrant before Mass. A pyx with a low-gluten host should be brought to the altar during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts with the other hosts to be consecrated. Arrangements should be made for the person receiving the low-gluten host to do so as part of the Communion procession and the pyx should also be purified after use.

WORKSHOP FOR LECTORS---SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 8, 2011, 10:00-12:00 Noon
Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

This workshop is especially for coordinators of parish lectors. All lectors, as well as priests and deacons, are welcome to participate. More information will follow.