

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
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*SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS*

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

**Wednesday, August 15, 2012**

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 can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.*

**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.

**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 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 Fall schedule of Archdiocesan Formation Sessions  
for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.**

***WORKSHOP FOR LECTORS---SAVE THE DATE***

Saturday, 22 September 2012, 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.*