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*Check the website of the Office for Divine Worship
for a complete listing of workshops and programs for 2013-2014*

YEAR OF FAITH

A **petition for the Prayer of the Faithful** for each Sunday of the *Year of Faith* can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

Also, see the archdiocesan website for the *Year of Faith* for easily down-loaded copies of the **Archdiocesan Prayer** for the *Year of Faith* and the **Litany** for the *Year of Faith*.

See the archdiocesan website for more information on the *Year of Faith*:
<http://archphila.org/yearoffaith/>

Also, check the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for additional information on the *Year of Faith*:
<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/index.cfm>

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE

*2013 Year of Faith Archdiocesan Pilgrimage
All are welcome to participate*

Blessed Virgin Mary, the Star of the New Evangelization

Saturday, October 5, 2013
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC

Program *begins at noon* and includes confessions,
adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament,
procession and crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the holy Rosary, and concludes with a *Solemn Mass at 3:00 PM*.

Archbishop Charles Chaput, celebrant and homilist

All pastors and parishes received additional information in a separate mailing for participation in the Annual Pilgrimage to the National Shrine. Please call the Office for Divine Worship with any questions.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, August 15, 2013

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 2013-2014 are:

Friday, November 1, 2013

Solemnity of All Saints

Monday, December 9, 2013

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity is transferred this year because of the coincidence with the Second Sunday of Advent on December 8. The obligation to assist at Mass is not transferred.

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

Solemnity of the Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, May 29, 2014

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Friday, August 15, 2014

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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...

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)

Saturday, 2 November 2013

The Rite of Marriage during Mass cannot be celebrated on All Souls Day. However, it is possible to celebrate the Rite of Marriage outside Mass on All Souls Day.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Office for Divine Worship now 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*.

Flyers announcing the rescheduled two-day program, October 21-22, 2013 for priests, deacons and DRE's, and the Christian Initiation Institute 2013-2014, were sent in a separate electronic mailing.

NORMS REGARDING COMMUNION SERVICES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA WHEN DAILY MASS CANNOT BE CELEBRATED

October 1, 2010

Every priest knows the great privilege it is to celebrate Mass for the faithful on Sunday, as well as on a daily basis.

Legitimate occasions, however, arise when a priest cannot be available for daily Mass. These include times for priests to be away from the parish, such as retreat, workshop and vacation, as well as pressing pastoral needs and the weekly day-off. These occasions when daily Mass cannot be celebrated require a pastoral response for the benefit of both the priests and the faithful.

1. The cancellation of a daily Mass, when known in advance, should be well published for the faithful, together with the schedule of Masses at nearby locations.
2. If a parish has more than one daily Mass but, for the legitimate occasions listed above, must cancel one of these, then the faithful should be encouraged to participate, when possible, at another scheduled Mass, even outside the parish.
3. A priest may permit a Communion Service consisting of the Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion only when it is difficult for the faithful to participate at a scheduled Mass. A Communion Service is not to be scheduled on a regular basis; it is meant to be an exception.
4. When there is the need for a Communion Service, deacons and, in their absence, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, may be delegated by the priest for such a

service. Deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be prepared in advance according to the proper liturgical rites.

5. When a daily Mass is cancelled, and another Mass or a Communion Service is not available, other laudable practices would include the Liturgy of the Hours, a Liturgy of the Word, adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, or the communal recitation of the rosary.

The theological and liturgical primacy of the reception of Holy Communion during Mass is rightly safeguarded when a Communion Service occurs only by way of exception.

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 Fall 2013 schedule of Archdiocesan Formation Sessions
for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.*

Register for these workshops directly online at the Office for Divine Worship website or call the Office for Divine Worship. Important information for the pastor/chaplain can be found online on the registration forms.