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Check the website of the Office for Divine Worship
for a complete listing of workshops and programs for 2012-2013

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 of 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

LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Saturday, 8 December 2012
The Immaculate Conception is always a Holy Day of Obligation.

Please see the website of the Office for Divine Worship for details on the Saturday celebration of this Holy Day:
http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/pdf/Immaculate%20Conception%202012.pdf

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Tuesday, 25 December 2012, is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Four PM is the earliest time in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for a Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

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.

BLESSINGS RELATED TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

The rite for the blessing of an Advent Wreath, a Manger or Nativity Scene, a Christmas Tree, and of homes during the Christmas season, are found in the *Book of Blessings*. The introductions to these various blessings offer helpful pastoral and liturgical information. The provided blessings for an Advent Wreath and a Manger or Nativity Scene maintain an important balance and perspective with regard to these elements of devotion and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

COLDS AND FLU
AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRED LITURGY

> ❖ Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before Mass begins, or even use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution in the pew before distributing, and after purifying their fingers after the distributing Holy Communion;
> ❖ People feeling ill should avoid receiving Communion from the chalice.

Priests are encouraged to use good pastoral common sense to allay the fears of the faithful during cold and flu season. An example of this might include refraining from the use of the Sign of Peace during the celebration of Mass and reminding the faithful not to receive the Precious Blood if they are ill.

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 <u>Book of Blessings</u>, Chapter 63.*

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

Important Notice for Pastors:

Under no circumstances are consecrated hosts to be reserved in peoples' homes during the day or overnight for the Communion of the Sick. Every possible arrangement is to be made that hosts for the Communion of the Sick are to be given to the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion during the Communion of the Mass. If this is not possible, and with very good reason, then arrangements are to be made for the hosts to be obtained outside of Mass so that the Communion minister can then go immediately to the sick.

SAVE THE DATE

The Association of Church Musicians in Philadelphia
in cooperation with the Offices for Divine Worship and Liturgical Music presents...

CELEBRATING PARISH FUNERALS

WWW.ACMPMUSIC.COM

2013 WINTER WORKSHOP
Saturday, February 9, 2013
Saint Helena Parish, Blue Bell
8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Reverend Joshua Brommer, Keynote Speaker
Coordinator of Liturgy, Diocese of Harrisburg

Mary Beth Kunde-Anderson
Pastoral Musician and World Library Publications Editor

Two general sessions as well as breakout sessions for:
Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Musicians, Liturgy
Coordinators, Bereavement Teams and Funeral Directors

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2013 *More detailed information will be forthcoming!*