

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP JANUARY 2011

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SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, 1 January 2011

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, since it falls on a Saturday 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.

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Wednesday, 5 January 2011

The Feast of Saint John Neumann enjoys the rank of a *feast* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for both the celebration of Mass and the Divine Office.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Tuesday, 18 January through Tuesday, 25 January 2011

The week of prayer for Christian Unity calls for petitions in the Prayer of the Faithful for this intention. Also, when possible the Mass for the Unity of Christians may be used with the readings of the day and green vestments.

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity provides an excellent catechesis and resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the following website:

http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/chrstuni/weeks-prayer-doc/rc_pc_chrstuni_doc_20100526_week-prayer-2011_en.html

DAY OF PENANCE AND PRAYER

Saturday, 22 January 2011

In November 2001, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved several adaptations to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*. Following confirmation by the Holy See in February 2002, and the publication of the third edition of the *Missale Romanum* with the *Institutio generalis* itself in April 2002, the US adaptations became particular law for the dioceses of the United States of America, including:

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when the 22nd falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The

Mass “For Peace and Justice” (no. 22 from “Masses for Various Needs”) should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance of this day.

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 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.

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 Office for Worship website.

Know the Words, Know the Meaning, Know the Mystery

December

- What is the Sacred Liturgy?
- The Sacred Liturgy: The Work of the Most Holy Trinity

January

- What is the Mass?
- What is the Liturgical Assembly/Priest and People?
- The Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist: One Act of Worship

Additional resources on the *Roman Missal* are also available on the website of the Office for Worship. Also, see the website for a more complete calendar of events in the Archdiocese for the reception of the *Roman Missal*.

WORKSHOPS FOR SINGING THE *ROMAN MISSAL*

FOR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

1:30—3:00 PM

Bucks County	Friday, January 7, 2011 <i>Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Southampton</i>
Chester County	Thursday, February 10, 2011 <i>Saints Philip and James Parish, Exton</i>
Delaware County	Monday, March 14, 2011 <i>Saint Denis Parish, Havertown</i>
Montgomery County	Monday, April 4, 2011 <i>Saint Matthias Parish, Bala Cynnyd</i>
Philadelphia-North	Monday, May 9, 2011 <i>Our Lady of Hope Parish, Philadelphia</i>
Philadelphia-South	Monday, June 6, 2011 <i>Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia</i>

Priests and deacons are welcome to any of these workshops regardless of location. More details will be sent through the Regional Vicar and the Office for the Permanent Diaconate. For a more complete calendar of opportunities for formation and catechesis for the priests, check the website of the Office for Worship.

FOR LITURGICAL MUSICIANS

7:00—9:00 PM

Bucks County	Monday, January 31, 2011 <i>Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Southampton</i>
Chester County	Monday, February 28, 2011 <i>Saint Monica Parish, Berwyn</i>
Delaware County	Monday, March 7, 2011 <i>Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Secane</i>
Montgomery County	Monday, March 14, 2011 <i>Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Abington</i>
Philadelphia-North	Monday, March 21, 2011
Philadelphia-South	<i>Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, Philadelphia</i>

Priests are welcome to participate in any of these workshops regardless of location. The details for these workshops for parish liturgical musicians have been sent directly to your parish musicians through the Office for Liturgical Music of the Archdiocese and the Association of Church Musicians of Philadelphia.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2011

**WINTER WORKSHOP
FOR ALL CLERGY AND LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTERS**

*Singing the Roman Missal:
Music Manifesting the Faith*

8:30AM to 3:00PM
Saint Helena Church (Empress Room)
Blue Bell, PA

Check for details on the website of the *Association of Church Musicians of Philadelphia*:
http://www.acmpmusic.com/Office_for_Worship.html

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Pastors and chaplains are encouraged to send new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the archdiocesan formation sessions listed below. 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.*

**PLEASE REGISTER NOW!!!
WORKSHOPS
FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Thursday, 13 January 2011, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Saint Jude Parish, 321 West Butler Avenue, Chalfont, PA 18914

Thursday, 3 February 2011, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 611 Knowles Avenue, Southampton, PA 18966

Thursday, 24 February 2011, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, 172 Conarroe Street, (Manayunk) Philadelphia, PA 19127

Thursday, 10 March 2011, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Saint Margaret Parish, 208 North Narberth Avenue, Narberth, PA 19072

Workshops for Delaware and Chester Counties will be listed in the February Monthly Mailing.

***SPECIAL WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNION MINISTERS
SERVING IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, PRISONS,
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES***

Saturday, 19 March 2011, 9:00 AM-Noon

Cathedral Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

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

PETITION FOR VOCATIONS

FOR THE SUNDAY PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

In response to the super-priority identified in the Cardinal's recent pastoral, *Called to Conversion and Holiness*, to promote vocations you are encouraged to include a petition for priestly vocations in the Sunday Prayer of the Faithful. A copy of the possible petitions can be found on the Office for Worship website.

LITURGICAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

The spring flyer for the Liturgical Studies Certificate, sponsored jointly by the Office for Worship and the Religious Studies Department at Saint Charles Seminary, is also available on the website of the Office for Worship.

Please pass it on to interested staff members and parishioners!