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LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEM

**OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD,
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Monday, January 1, 2018

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is not observed as a holy day of obligation this year.

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Friday, January 5, 2018

The commemoration 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. Therefore, both at Mass and for the Liturgy of the Hours those features proper to a *feast* are observed.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Thursday, January 18, 2018 through Thursday, January 25, 2018

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity should have, if possible, petitions in the Universal Prayer for this intention. Also, when possible during this week the Mass for the Unity of Christians may be used with the readings of the day and green vestments.

See the following site of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for additional resources:

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/events/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity.cfm>.

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER

FOR THE DIOCESES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Monday, January 22, 2018

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. The liturgical celebrations for this day may be the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life" (no. 48/1 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with white vestments, or the Mass "For the Preservation of Peace and Justice" (no. 30 of the Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions), celebrated with violet vestments.

For additional information, see the USCCB website at:

<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/january-22-day-of-prayer.cfm>.

Intentions for the Universal Prayer for Respect Life can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

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.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Office for Divine Worship 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*.

**2018 RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS
AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

Saturday, February 17, 2018	11:00 AM	Delaware & Philadelphia North
Saturday, February 17, 2018	3:00 PM	Bucks & Montgomery
Sunday, February 18, 2018	3:00 PM	Chester & Philadelphia South

All correspondence and registration is conducted electronically. See the website for the Office for Divine Worship, under the heading *Christian Initiation*.

The Call to Continuing Conversion is meant for adults (and not children) who are baptized and will be received into Full Communion and/or Confirmation and/or Communion. Also, the Call to Continuing Conversion is equally meant for those already baptized who have not been practicing the Christian Faith but now are returning with the celebration of the Easter Sacraments.

- For the current Christian Initiation Information Periodic Mailing, see: <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/christian-initiation/>.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

LITURGICAL FORMATION WORKSHOPS 2018

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Since 2008, the Office for Divine Worship has provided workshops throughout the fall and spring all throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors. These have in some instances been very well attended and in other instances poorly attended. For 2017-2018, the Office is experimenting with a new approach to the workshops.

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Thursday, March 15, 2018, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Cathedral Chapel, 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for the Sick:

Saturday, February 24, 2018, 10:00 AM-Noon (NEW DATE)

Cathedral Chapel, 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103
Presenter, Father Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- **All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are to have an appointment letter from the Archbishop.**
- Candidates are to be fully initiated practicing Catholics, high school graduates, validly married (if married), recognized for faith and devotion to the Holy Eucharist as well as for service in the parish/institution.
- 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 attend.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion typically serve for three years. Pastors/chaplains may renew terms, if agreeable and in consultation with the minister.
- 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.
- All records of active Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are maintained by the parish/institution.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned after participation in a training session, according to the form found in the *Book of Blessings*, Chapter 63, “Order for the Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.”**
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion only serve in the parishes/institutions for which they are commissioned.

Liturgical Music Information

Bi-lingual Options for Music in your Parish

We are living in an age where the congregational needs are ever-changing. Often we have people of varying cultural backgrounds attending our weekend Masses and it would be welcoming to offer some viable options so that they may participate wholly in the Sacred Liturgy.

Whether they are visitors or regular parishioners, it is the job of the Music Director to provide repertoire which is inclusive. There is much more out there than “Pan de Vida” and “Somos El Cuerpo De Cristo”.

There are three collections of Spanish Repertoire which are particularly helpful in planning:

- 1) Flor Y Canto (OCP) 2) Albanza Coral (OCP) 3) Oramos Cantando (GIA)**

The Albanza Coral and Oramos Cantando specifically have bi-lingual versions of already popular hymn tunes such as Sing With All the Saints, What Child is This?, At the Lamb’s High Feast, and Jesus Christ is Risen today.

Interestingly enough, some of these hymn tunes have not been a part of the regular programming for Hispanic communities. That’s where the Flor y Canto comes into play. This resource has been widely used to provide a more authentic and cultural representation of the genre of music associated with Spanish Masses. Pieces such as Tú eres, Señor, el pan de vida, Bendigamos al Señor, and Me alegré are some favorites for the members of our Hispanic Community who come to worship at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul every Sunday.

If programming an entirely Spanish song is not viable for your community, one simple way to start incorporating some Spanish into the Liturgy is to pick a setting of the Cordero De Dios (Agnus Dei). The Misa Luna offers a beautiful setting, which is accessible to everyone in the congregation.

May we continue to be attentive to the musical, pastoral and cultural needs of all that come to worship every week. Happy Planning!

Charlene Angelini
Director of Cathedral Parish Music

Music Auditions

Archdiocesan Girl and Boy Choir Auditions will be held on
January 13, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

ALL AUDITIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please contact archdiocesangirlandboychoir@gmail.com

to schedule your appointment

Archdiocesan Adult Choir

This group of Archdiocesan Liturgical Musicians comes together each year to sing for all Major Archdiocesan Masses including Chrism Mass, Priesthood and Diaconate Ordination, and our Annual Christmas Concert.

Please contact cangelini@archphila.org for an audition time
after January 1, 2018.

Cantor Workshop

Please let your cantors know we will be holding a Level 1 Cantor Workshop this coming February at:

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
66 Levittown Parkway
Levittown, PA 19054
Feb. 6, 20, 27 from 7pm to 9pm

Future workshops will be offered at the following locations:

St. Monica's, Berwyn, PA - April 2018
Annunciation BVM, Havertown, PA - July 2018

LINKS TO HELPFUL INFORMATION

MAKE SURE YOUR PARISH RECEIVES THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION

Please notify the Office for Divine Worship if there are any changes to the Coordinators serving as liaisons between your parish and the Office for Divine Worship.

FOR THE MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE USCCB

Individual issues of the Newsletter are posted online around the fifteenth of the month approximately three months after they have been released to subscribers.

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>

For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/>.

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<http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/sacred-liturgy/monthly-mailings/>