

OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP JANUARY 2012

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CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH SUNDAY MASS WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

The Office for Divine Worship will *no longer* send to pastors liturgical preparation forms in advance of a celebration of a *parish* Sunday Mass with the Archbishop. On these occasions, scheduled by the Archbishop's Office, the Office for Divine Worship is available to answer any pertinent questions. Liturgical Preparation forms will continue to be sent for special events celebrated in the parish with the Archbishop and for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- “In celebrations at which the Bishop presides, and especially in the celebration of the Eucharist led by the Bishop himself with the presbyterate, the deacons, and the people taking part, the mystery of the Church is revealed (GIRM, number 22).” For this reason, this solemn celebration of Mass calls for special care in the preparation of the liturgical celebration: the church itself, the music and liturgical ministers, and all that is required for the rites, including the sacred vessels.
- In the overall plan for liturgical music the parts that belong to the celebrant and people together should be sung, for example the Kyrie, the Gloria, the Holy, the Lord's Prayer and the Lamb of God. The choices for the Entrance, the Offertory and the Communion should correspond to the norms found in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, numbers, 48, 74, and 87.
- Notes for Altar Servers when the Archbishop celebrates can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

**THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Sunday, 1 January 2012**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN

Thursday, 5 January 2012

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. 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

Wednesday, 18 January through Wednesday, 25 January 2012

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_20110414_week-prayer-2012_en.html

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Monday, January 23, 2012

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, of 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.

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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.

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 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.*

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

1 March 2012

Saint Agnes Parish, 445 North Main Street, Sellersville, PA 18960

8 March 2012

Saint Aloysius Parish, Beech & Hanover Streets, Pottstown, PA 19464

15 March 2012

Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul (Chapel)
18th Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

22 March 2012

Saint John Fisher Parish, Chichester Avenue & Rolling Glen Drive, Boothwyn, PA 19061

29 March 2012

Sacred Heart Parish, 203 Church Road, Oxford, PA 19363

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

Saturday, 3 March 2012, 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 Divine Worship website or call the Office for Divine Worship. Important information for the pastor/chaplain can be found online on the registration forms.

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2012

ANNUAL WINTER WORKSHOP
Association of Church Musicians of Philadelphia

8:30AM to 3:00PM
Saint Helena Church, Blue Bell, PA

Main Presenter: Dr. Leo Nestor

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