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**LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

A more solemn celebration of Mass on this Sunday is a most fitting way to observe this Solemnity. Liturgical exposition and a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament follow the norms found in the ritual book, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass.* It is also possible to have exposition and a procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament on a day near to the Solemnity, in anticipation or to recall its observance.

The *Sequence* is optional on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

**OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

**Saturday, June 13, 2015**

In a notification dated December 8, 1998 of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (Prot. N. 2671/98/L), the Obligatory Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary becomes an Optional Memorial in years when it conflicts with another Obligatory Memorial. Therefore, Saturday, June 13, 2015, is a weekday in Ordinary Time, as well as the Optional Memorials of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church.

**11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, June 14, 2015**

This is also Flag Day in the United States. The following information regarding the placement of flags in Roman Catholic Churches was taken from the USCCB website:

# Display Of Flags In Catholic Churches

Surprisingly to many, there are no regulations of any kind governing the display of flags in Roman Catholic Churches. Neither the Code of Canon law, nor the liturgical books of the Roman rite comment on this practice. As a result, the question of whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic Church is left up to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who in turn often delegates this to the discretion of the pastor.  
  
The origin of the display of the American flag in many parishes in the United States appears have its origins in the offering of prayers for those who served during the Second World War (1941-1945). At that time, many bishops and pastors provided a book of remembrance near the American flag, requesting prayers for loved ones – especially those serving their country in the armed forces – as a way of keeping before the attention of the faithful the needs of military families. This practice has since been confirmed in many places during the Korean, Viet Nam and Iraqi conflicts.  
  
The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has in the past encouraged pastors not to place the flag within the sanctuary itself, in order to reserve that space for the altar, the ambo, the presidential chair and the tabernacle. Instead, the suggestion has been made that the American flag be placed outside the sanctuary, or in the vestibule of the Church together with a book of prayer requests. It remains, however, for the diocesan bishop to determine regulations in this matter.

**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday, June 21, 2015**

The American observance of Father’s Day should in no way detract from this Sunday’s celebration of the Mystery of Christ. A petition in the *Prayer of the Faithful* and the possible use of the *Prayer over the People* found in the *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1729-1733, provides for a suitable liturgical inclusion of Father’s Day.

**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*.

**PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN THE DATES FOR THE INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

The October 17th workshop has been changed to Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Neumann Room of the Cathedral.

The new schedule is as follows:

Saturday, October 24, 2015, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(Neumann Room of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul)

Saturday, November 21, 2015, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(Auditorium A & B of Archdiocesan Pastoral Center)

Saturday, January 23, 2016, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(Auditorium A & B of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center)

SNOW DATE: Saturday, February 6, 2016

(Auditorium A & B of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center)

**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, and 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 these sessions.
* 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.

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**See the website of the Office for Divine Worship (odwphila.org) after August 1, 2015 for the new schedule of liturgical ministry and liturgical music workshops for 2015 – 2016.**

**REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL HOLY OILS**

If during the year, additional Holy Oils are needed for sacramental use, please contact the Rector at the Cathedral, 215-561-1313.

**LINK TO INFORMATION ON MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY FORM**

*PLEASE NOTE: The center city site for the celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form has moved to Saint Edmund Church, Philadelphia. Visit our website!*

A new link has been added to the Sacred Liturgy tab of the Office for Divine Worship website to provide easy access to information about celebrating Mass in the Extraordinary Form.

**OTHER POINTS**

**Important Reminders on Weddings in Chapels**

1. Only those Catholic colleges and universities that have requested and have been granted permission may celebrate weddings on a regular basis. To date four colleges/universities have been given this special permission: LaSalle University, Saint Joseph University, Roesemont College, and Cabrini College. (Villanova University’s Church, which serves as both the university chapel and parish church continues also to be a site for weddings on a regular basis.)

2. Pastors may give individual permission for a wedding in a chapel within the parish only on a “case by case” basis. Pastors cannot grant a blanket permission for a chapel to be used as the site of weddings. Those in charge of chapels cannot presume this permission and should not, therefore, advertise the chapel as being available for weddings.

3. Whenever a pastor gives an individual permission for a wedding in a chapel within his parish, the pastor remains responsible to see to it that any necessary delegation is granted and that all of the documentation and other pastoral, canonical, and liturgical preparations for the marriage are completed. Requests to the chancery for dispensations/permissions must be submitted by the parish - not the chapel. The wedding is recorded in the parish sacramental register.

**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. The Coordinators Contact Form is available online as a [PDF](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Coordinator-Data-Collection-Form.pdf) or [Word](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Coordinator-Data-Collection-Form.docx) file.

**For the latest news**

**on Liturgical Music in the Archdiocese** visit:

[*http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/liturgical-music*](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/liturgical-music).

**FOR THE MOST RECENT NEWSLETTER FROM THE USCCB**

Individual issues of the Newsletter are posted online approximately three months after they have been released to subscribers. The most recent newsletter available is December 2014,

[*http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/upload/newsletter-2014-04.pdf*](http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/newsletter/upload/newsletter-2014-04.pdf)*.*

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