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*Check the website of the Office for Divine Worship
for a complete listing of workshops and programs for 2014*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

FEAST OF SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

Monday, March 3, 2014

The commemoration of Saint Katharine Drexel is a proper Feast in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with a Gloria and the specified texts in the Lectionary for Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Ashes are distributed **only** on Ash Wednesday and **not** the days before or after. The directives and texts in the *Roman Missal* are to be faithfully observed. In other words, to distribute blessed Ashes without some announcement of God's Word seriously compromises the meaning of the sacramental.

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

Parish resources to promote a better understanding and preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. A memo with regard to the Wednesday Confessions during Lent is attached.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

AND THE RITE OF ELECTION OF CATECHUMENS

AND OF THE CALL TO CONTINUING CONVERSION OF CANDIDATES

Sunday, March 9, 2014

- Details regarding the *Celebration of the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion* have been distributed by e-mail in January 2014 to all parish Liturgy Contacts, parish Christian Initiation Coordinators, and DRE's, and can also be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.
- All priests are invited to vest in choir dress in the Neumann Room behind the Cathedral Basilica Sanctuary for the procession. The *Book of the Elect* is to be carried during the *Celebration of the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion* by someone other than a priest or deacon.
- Parishes are encouraged to observe the *Sending of Catechumens for Election* (cf. RCIA, nos. 106-117) or the *Rite of Sending the Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop and for the Call to Continuing Conversion* (cf. RCIA, nos. 434-445) or the *Parish Celebration for Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition by the Bishop* (cf. RCIA, nos. 530-546), depending on the local circumstances, the week or so before the *Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates*.

The *Celebration of the Rite of Election of Catechumens and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates* will take place in three sessions during the weekend of the First Sunday of Lent, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia:

Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 2:30 PM

Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 2:30 PM

If you are unable to participate at the time designated for your county, please contact the Office for Divine Worship with your preferences for another day and/ time.

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 but also have distanced themselves from the Faith. In other words, a baptized formerly church going Protestant or a practicing Catholic who is receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Communion during Easter Time does not typically participate in the Call to Continuing Conversion.

CELEBRATION OF THE SCRUTINIES AND PRESENTATIONS OF THE CREED AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rites Belonging to the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, RCIA nos. 138-205, found in the ritual book, *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, are to be carefully observed for the Elect. Any questions regarding these rites may be directed to the Office for Divine Worship.

VEILING OF STATUES

In the dioceses of the United States, crosses in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for the Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the end of the

Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. Statues in the church may be covered from the conclusion of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. Additional information can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

Additional Information for Liturgical Preparation

The *Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts (Paschale Solemnitatis)*, by the Congregation for Divine Worship, January 16, 1988, is posted on the website for the Office for Divine Worship. This letter provides helpful pastoral, theological and liturgical (as well liturgical music) information for pastors and preparers of the Sacred Liturgy for Lent, the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter Time.

Time of the Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil should not begin before nightfall. It may be helpful to know that sunset, according to the US Naval Observatory Astronomical Applications Department, occurs at 6:43 PM on April 19, 2014.

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*.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

In accord with the US National Statutes for the Catechumenate (November, 11, 1986) no. 33, Archbishop Chaput asks that you note:

Only the adult elect, that is, the unbaptized catechumens elected at the Rite of Election, are to be fully initiated with Baptism, Confirmation and reception of the Body and Blood of the Lord at the Solemn Paschal Vigil, according to the rites outlined in the *Roman Missal*. Children may also be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Baptized non-Catholic Christians are to be received into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday or any Sunday of Easter Time. In fact, this reception can take place almost any time during the Church Year according to the rite outlined in the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (cf. RCIA, nos. 473-504). No additional permission is required for this Reception of Baptized Christians in the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

For many parishes, this practice continues to represent an innovation that requires catechesis on the dignity of Baptism and the avoidance of any confusion between candidates for Baptism and baptized Christians.

Candidates for the Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church should be encouraged to participate in the Easter Vigil, especially with a distinct place to sit among the faithful and acknowledged by the priest celebrant.

RECEPTION OF BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS INTO THE FULL COMMUNION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* allows for people baptized in another Church or ecclesial community, although never treated as catechumens, to benefit from the doctrinal and spiritual formation of the unbaptized. Additionally, the use of the Combined Rites for catechumens and candidates gives the candidates an important sense of the Sacred Liturgy and participation with the Church leading to Confirmation and Communion. However, many candidates do not require a full program parallel to the catechumenate. Therefore, the directives provided in the US National Statutes for the Catechumenate for Reception into Full Communion (nos. 30-37) should be increasingly observed.

Preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for baptized non-Catholics are an essential element of their Reception (See RCLA, no. 482).

Reception of Candidates and Valid Baptism and Conditional Baptism

All non-Catholic Christians seeking full communion must be validly baptized. The following norm is to be observed in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with regard to the reception of candidates into the full communion of the Catholic Church:

Baptism is the doorway to all of the Sacraments. Therefore, the sacred minister needs moral certitude that a person was baptized with the Trinitarian formula and the triple water pouring/immersion before other Sacraments are celebrated. This moral certitude requires more than the evidence of a baptismal certificate and must be the case in each individual circumstance. Such moral certitude can often be readily obtained through inquiry with the candidate. When moral certitude is lacking, a conditional Baptism is necessary (see Canon 869 and National Statutes for the Catechumenate 37).

Additional information on valid baptism and conditional baptism can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

CONFIRMATION FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC ADULTS

The ordinary minister of the Sacrament of Confirmation for baptized Roman Catholics is the Bishop. Typically, this occurs during the pastoral visit of the Bishop to the parish. Every effort should be made to prepare Catholic Adults for Confirmation to participate in the parish celebration with the Bishop.

Additionally, Archbishop Chaput will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014 during the 6:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. The candidates for this sacramental celebration are baptized Roman Catholics who have been properly catechized for Confirmation (and if needed, for the reception of First Communion). Information about this celebration for pastors and those who assist with the formation and reception of the Sacraments of Initiation has been distributed by e-mail in February 2014 to all parish Liturgy

Contacts, parish Christian Initiation Coordinators, and DRE's, and can also be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

If for some serious reason, a school age baptized Roman Catholic is unable to be confirmed by the Bishop during his pastoral visit to the parish, then this candidate, with the permission of the pastor, may be presented for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. The pastor's permission is to be included with the registration forms to be sent to the Office for Divine Worship.

A pastor who foresees the genuine pastoral need to confirm an adult baptized Roman Catholic can do so only with the specific delegation of the Bishop (see Canon 882 and *National Statutes for the Catechumenate*, nos. 28-29). Archbishop Chaput gives this faculty to all priests of the Archdiocese to confirm Roman Catholic Adults on any occasion from Palm Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. This delegation is required for the validity of the Sacrament in the case of a Roman Catholic candidate. If you have any questions about this faculty, please contact the Office for Divine Worship. There is no need for an additional letter requesting this faculty during the period specified by the Archbishop.

LOOKING AHEAD AT LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS IN 2014

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, November 1, 2014

All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Weddings can be celebrated during Mass on the Solemnity of All Saints. The liturgical music, Mass formula and Lectionary texts are those of the Solemnity of All Saints. The Rite of Marriage is celebrated as usual following the homily. The Nuptial Blessing takes place as usual. The Solemn Blessing from the Rite of Marriage may be used instead of the Solemn Blessing for the Solemnity of All Saints.

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.

WORKSHOPS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR SPRING 2014

- **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 Book of Blessings, Chapter 63.*

Thursday, March 6, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM
Our Lady of Grace Church, Penn del, PA
Thursday, March 13, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM
Saint Mary Magdalen, Media PA
Thursday, March 20, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM
Saint Cecilia Parish, Philadelphia, PA

Register for these workshops directly online at the Office for Divine Worship website or call the Office for Divine Worship.

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

Thursday, April 3, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM
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 this workshop by contacting the Office for Divine Worship by e-mail or phone.

WORKSHOPS FOR LECTORS FOR SPRING 2014

All lectors are encouraged to attend, especially those who prepare lectors.

Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM
Saint Eleanor Church, Collegeville, PA
Wednesday, March 26, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM

Saint Paul Church, Philadelphia, PA
Wednesday, April 2, 2014, 7:00-9:00 PM
Saint Michael the Archangel Church, Levittown, PA

Register for this workshop by contacting the Office for Divine Worship by e-mail or phone.

CANTOR TRAINING FOR SPRING 2014

For more information and to register for *Archdiocesan Cantor Training*, see:

<http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/music/forms/CantorTrainingRegistrationForm2013-14.pdf>

WORKSHOP FOR COORDINATORS OF ALTAR SERVERS

This workshop is planned for all priests, deacons and others who assist with training altar servers.

Saturday, March 8, 2014

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
2130 Franklin Avenue
Morton, PA 19070
9:30 AM—12:30 PM in the Church

Presenters:

Reverend Monsignor John M. Savinski
Reverend Gerald Dennis Gill

Register for this workshop by contacting the Office for Divine Worship by e-mail or phone.

OTHER POINTS

Below are responses to inquiries to the Office for Divine Worship:

The *Gloria* is sung at all weekday Wedding Masses during Lent

With the introduction of the third edition of the *Roman Missal* the *Gloria* is sung, even during Advent and Lent, when the Ritual Mass for the Celebration of Marriage is used. The Penitential Act is always omitted during a Wedding Mass.

Full Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and the first reception of Communion—apart from the Easter Vigil, outside the immediate danger of death, requires the permission of the Archbishop (see RCIA, no. 331). Archbishop Chaput delegates the Office for Divine Worship to give this permission. Please contact the Office for Divine Worship for such circumstances.