

**OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP  
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, May 14, 2017**

The American observance of Mother's Day should in no way detract from this Sunday's celebration of Easter. A petition in the Universal Prayer and the possible use of the Prayer over the People found in the *Book of Blessings*, nos. 1724-1728, provides for a suitable liturgical inclusion of Mother's Day.

**ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD**

**Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul**

*The Ordination of Priests is an Archdiocesan Celebration and all clergy and faithful are welcome to attend. Pastors are asked to make this information known in the most convenient way.*

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Thursday, May 25, 2017**

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation.

## **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**

In some circumstances, consideration might be given to the *Roman Missal* provision for a prolonged celebration of Mass in the form of a Vigil on Saturday evening to pray urgently for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

## **THE EASTER SEASON, DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED MOTHER AND THE MONTH OF MAY**

May is a traditional time to give special honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially with May Processions and May Crownings. When these processions and crownings are combined with the celebration of Mass, it is more fitting for them to precede the celebration of Mass or follow the Communion Rite of the Mass. On the Sundays of Easter, the celebration of Easter is primary when there are devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother.

## **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**See the website of the Office for Divine Worship ([www.odwphiladelphia.org](http://www.odwphiladelphia.org))  
for the schedule and registration information  
for all liturgical ministry and liturgical music workshops for the Spring of 2017.**

## **WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR 2017-2018**

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.

There will be two archdiocesan-wide workshops for Extraordinary Ministers on Thursday, November 9, 2017 and Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the Cathedral Chapel from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Now is the time to consider the need for new candidates and prepare to send them to one of these workshops. Likewise, there will be an archdiocesan-wide workshop for Extraordinary Ministers who assist in nursing homes and hospitals on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at the Cathedral Chapel from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. There will only be one archdiocesan-wide workshop

for Lectors on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Cathedral Chapel from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The content of these workshops will be available on YouTube for review locally.

*More information on these workshops will be given in future editions of the monthly mailing.*

## 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. Here, you can find already scheduled workshops to attend:

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshops

- 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.

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

- For the current Christian Initiation Information Periodic Mailing, see: <http://www.odwphiladelphia.org/christian-initiation/>.
- The *Institute for Christian Initiation* will again take place next year. Please see the next edition of the Periodic Mailing for the location and dates.

## MASSES FOR THE NEOPHYTES AND ALSO A PENTECOST CELEBRATION

### During the Easter Season

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* provides helpful guidance for the pastoral care of the newly baptized adults at Easter:

# 247 Since the distinctive spirit and power of the period of postbaptismal catechesis or mystagogy derive from the new, personal experience of the sacraments and of the community, its main setting is the so-called Masses for neophytes, that is, the Sunday Masses of the Easter season. Besides being occasions for the newly baptized to gather with the community and share in the mysteries, these celebrations include particularly suitable readings from the Lectionary, especially the readings for Year A. Even when Christian initiation has been celebrated outside the usual times, the texts for these Sunday Masses of the Easter season may be used.

# 248 All the neophytes and their godparents should make an effort to take part in the Masses for the neophytes and the entire local community should be invited to participate with them. Special places in the congregation are to be reserved for the neophytes and their godparents. The homily and, as circumstances suggest, the general intercessions should take into account the presence and needs of the neophytes. 5

# 249 To close the period of postbaptismal catechesis, some sort of celebration should be held at the end of the Easter season near Pentecost Sunday; festivities in keeping with local custom may accompany the occasion.

*All Neophytes are welcome to attend the Sunday 6:30 PM Mass at the Basilica on any Sunday of Easter Time. The first few pews will be reserved on the cathedral side for the Neophytes, their godparents and families.*

## 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, Bishop Senior will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017, 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 was distributed by e-mail in February 2017 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. Priests are reminded that only the 2016 revised *The Order of Confirmation* may be used to celebrate the Sacrament.

## REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL HOLY OILS

If additional Holy Oils are needed for sacramental use, please contact the Cathedral Parish Office, 215-561-1313, for arrangements to procure them.

## 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.

### **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. For information on subscribing to the newsletter, visit:

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

**FOR PAST MONTHLY MAILINGS OF THE OFFICE FOR DIVINE WORSHIP** visit:

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

# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL MUSIC

*SAVE THE DATE*  
*WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017*  
*Cathedral Chapel*

*7:00 PM*

## *MUSIC FOR THE NEW MARRIAGE RITUAL*

COME AND CELEBRATE THE JOINING OF THE OLD AND THE NEW!  
TOGETHER AS ONE, WE WILL EXPLORE LITURGICAL  
MUSIC FOR THE OPTIONS IN THE NEW MARRIAGE RITUAL, INCLUDING  
THE INTROIT, MUSIC DURING THE CELEBRATION OF MATRIMONY,  
COMMUNION ANTIPHONS AND MORE!  
GIVEN WITH LOVE BY FATHER DENNIS GILL AND CHARLENE ANGELINI

## **Easter Time -- Keeping Easter Alive for Fifty Days**

Well the Triduum has come and gone and the Lord indeed has Risen! Now what? As Directors of Liturgical Music, it is our role to keep Easter Time alive for fifty days. The joy of the Resurrection cannot possibly be encompassed in just one day and shouldn't be. Entering fully into the mystery of the Risen Lord and embracing the light after the darkness is a part of this awe-filled season. For seven Sundays following Easter Sunday, we are challenged to keep the Easter celebration alive. The whole of the Easter Time

is about the Resurrection of the Lord in Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.

**Repertoire for Easter Time Includes:**

*Communion Antiphons for the Easter Season - Normand Gouin / Canticle Distributing*

*Communion Antiphons for Easter - Richard Clark / WLP*

*Communion Antiphons for the Easter Season - Christopher Tietze / WLP*

We should be mindful that the setting for the Ordinary for Easter Time should reflect its spirit. Let Alleluias ring through the church, for this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!!!!