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LITURGICAL and CIVIC CALENDAR ITEMS

THE TIME FOR VIGIL MASSES AND ANITICIPATED MASSES

The time for Vigil Masses and Anticipated Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is no earlier than 4:00 PM. This applies to Holy Days of Obligation as well, including Christmas.

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAYS WHEN THE OBLIGATION IS SUSPENDED

In the United States, there are three Holy Days, Solemnities, when the obligation to participate in Mass is suspended when the observance falls on a Monday or a Saturday—the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1), the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15), and the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1). In these instances, the Mass schedule can certainly be modified.

However, there should at least be the celebration of one Mass for the benefit of the faithful who desire to attend Mass.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 13, 2018

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 10, 2018

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

ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD

Saturday, May 19, 2018 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 PENTECOST

Sunday, May 20, 2018

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.

NEW MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Monday, May 21 2018

Pope Francis has added this obligatory Memorial to the *General Roman Calendar* and it is to be celebrated each year.

The USCCB Secretariat for Divine Worship has now posted information about the readings and orations for Mass. It also provides information about the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours on this new Memorial. See the website:

<http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/mother-of-the-church.cfm>

The new Memorial supersedes the rubric at the end of the Pentecost Mass that suggests that a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost.

Please note that the readings will be proper to the day, not optional. They are slightly different than what is in the *Lectionary for Mass* (Lectionary Number 1002-I). The Secretariat has produced a PDF of the readings which may be found at the above link.

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 Crowning's. When these processions and crowning's 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.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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, May 20, 2018, 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 already been distributed 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.

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.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The calendar for 2018-2019 for liturgical workshops, including the Institute for Christian Initiation, can be found on the website for the Office for Divine Worship.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursday, October 11, 2018
Holy Cross Church, Springfield, PA
7:00 to 9:00 PM

Thursday, November 15, 2018
Cathedral Chapel, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Thursday, March 21, 2019
Cathedral Chapel, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Lector Workshop

Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Cathedral Chapel, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the Sick

Saturday, February 23, 2019
Cathedral Chapel, 10:00 AM to Noon

If any parish or institution would like a workshop for liturgical ministers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, over the next several months, please contact 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.

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.

FROM THE OFFICE FOR LITURGICAL MUSIC

GUIDANCE FOR THE MAY PROCESSION

May Procession Preparations are now underway in many parishes as we begin this month of Mary. This special occasion to honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord, should typically be scheduled apart from Mass. At the Cathedral Basilica, we have a dedicated Sunday afternoon for the May Procession, this year on May 6, 2018 at 2:00pm.

Our Procession follows a Liturgy of the Word with the Rosary, although this is not required, but a beautiful addition to the day. During the Procession we encourage full participation of the congregation and they join us as we process through the aisles of the Cathedral Basilica. It is most effective in evoking a personal devotion to our Blessed Mother.

An appropriate musical outline follows:

Entrance: Sing of Mary
Reading Isaiah 61: 9-11
Responsorial Psalm Judith 13
Acclamation before the Gospel
Gospel
Homily
Collection Song: O Sanctissima
Sung response to each decade of the Rosary
Procession Song – Immaculate Mary
Crowning Song – On this day O Beautiful Mother
Recessional: Hail Holy Queen

Other appropriate songs would include: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman, *Ave Maria* (Schubert, Caccini, Bach/Gounod, Chant tone), Be Joyful Mary, Daily Daily Sing to Mary, *Regina Caeli*, *Salve Regina*, Stainless the Maiden (Serdeczna Matko), *Salve Mater Misericordiae*. It is important to make the music selections as inclusive as possible, so that active participation on the part of the congregation is a reality.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS AND MUSICAL CHOICES

What a special time it is for the Church when we celebrate the Easter Sacraments for our children. At the Office for Divine Worship, we have the opportunity to review proposed liturgical music plans for Ritual Masses throughout the Archdiocese, and there are noteworthy issues with regards to the Propers of the Mass. When Ritual Masses for a Sacrament take place on a weekday, the planning should start with what the Ritual Mass recommends, especially for the Entrance and Communion. When planning the music, these texts should inspire the music for these parts of the Mass. This leaves an opportunity for Prelude, Offertory, Post communion and Recessional to reflect the occasion, the readings and the liturgical season. Certainly, there is much more flexibility on a weekday than on Sunday. On Sundays of Easter Time, the Ritual Mass may not be used. The Sundays of Easter with both the Roman Missal and Lectionary texts are to be used. *We are in Eastertide! Let the Alleluias Resound!*

ARCHDIOCESAN CANTOR CLASSES

LEVEL 1

ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

Designed for cantors at any level of experience.

This class will provide useful vocal pedagogy,
a history of cantoring and spiritual formation for this very important role.

Annunciation B.V.M Church
401 Brookline Blvd. Havertown, Pa 19083

July 11, 18, and 25, 2018 7:00-9:00 PM

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/>

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