

**OFFICE FOR WORSHIP  
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*SOME LITURGICAL CALENDAR ITEMS*

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday, 13 May 2012**

The American observance of Mother's Day should in no way detract from this Sunday's celebration of Easter. 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. 1724-1728, provides for a suitable liturgical inclusion of Mother's Day.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Thursday, 17 May 2012**

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

**SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

**Sunday, 27 May 2012**

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 SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

- Check the following address for copies of the *Christian Initiation Information Periodic Mailings* with important information for those engaged with the formation of adults for the Easter Sacraments:  
<http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/christian/christian.htm>.
- Also, notes for the parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Bishop can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship:  
<http://archphila.org/evangelization/worship/christian/christian.htm>

**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, 27 May 2012 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 can be found on the website for 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.

### **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.*

# 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.

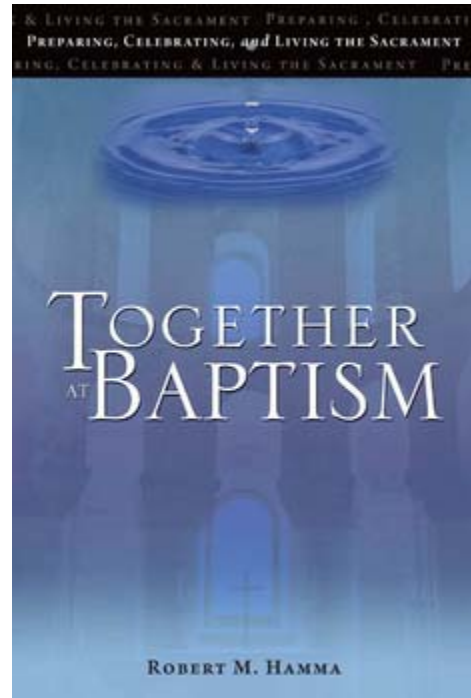
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## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 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.*

**The Fall schedule of Archdiocesan Formation Sessions  
for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

can be found on the website of the Office for Divine Worship.

*WORKSHOP FOR LECTORS---SAVE THE DATE*

Saturday, 22 September 2012, 10:00-12:00 Noon

*Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia*

*This workshop is especially for coordinators of parish lectors. All lectors, as well as priests and deacons, are welcome to participate. More information will follow.*

*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.